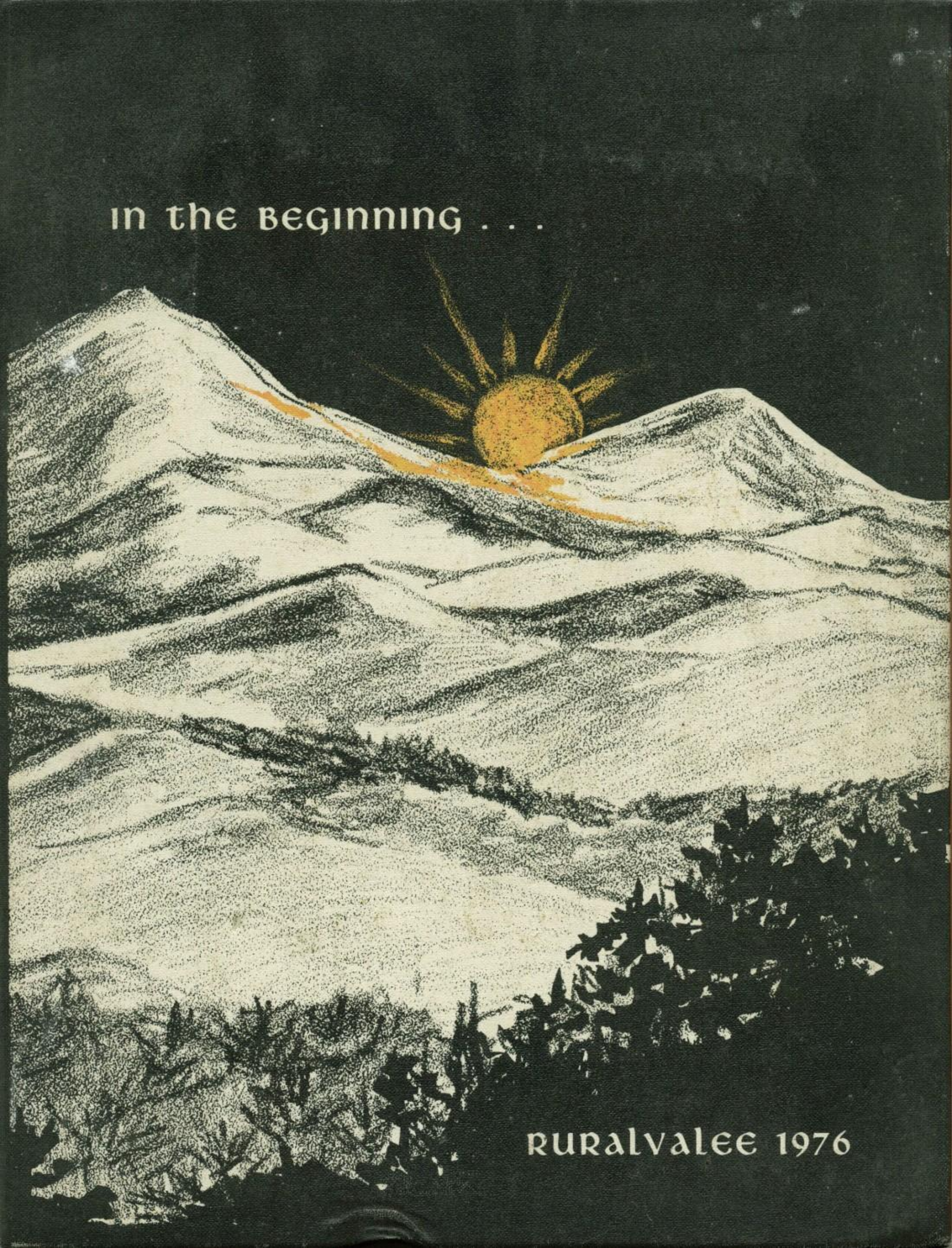
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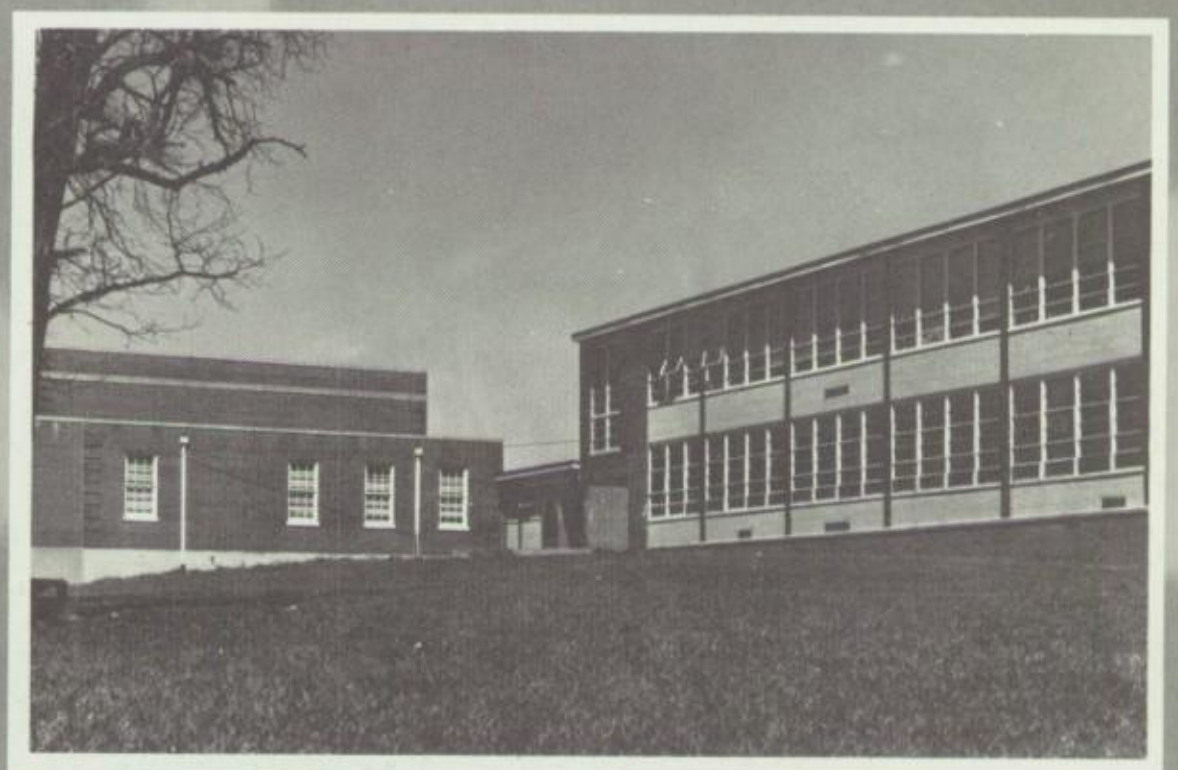

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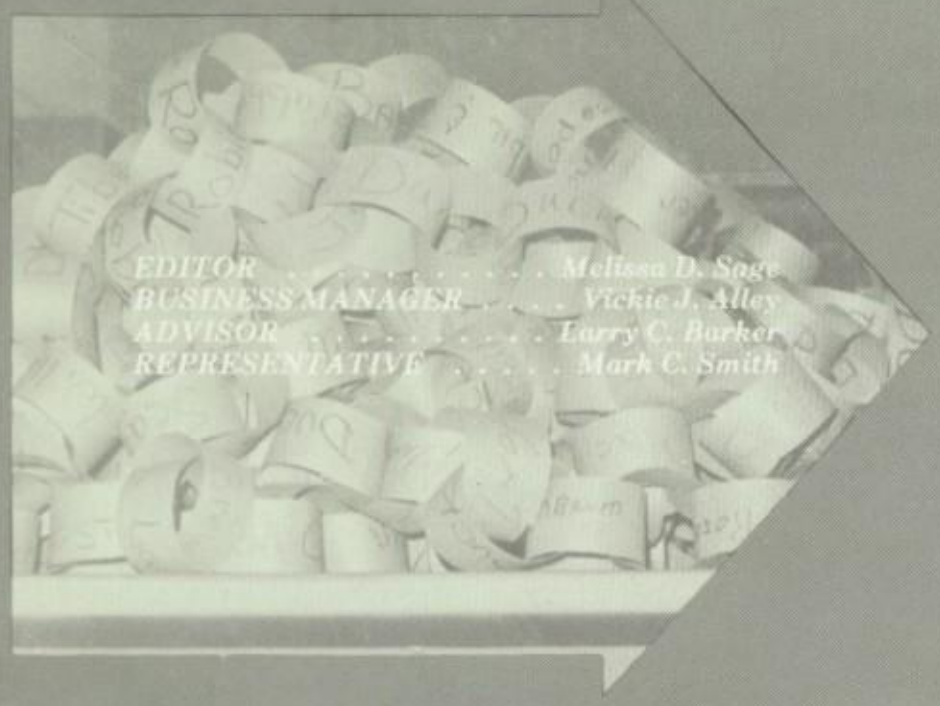

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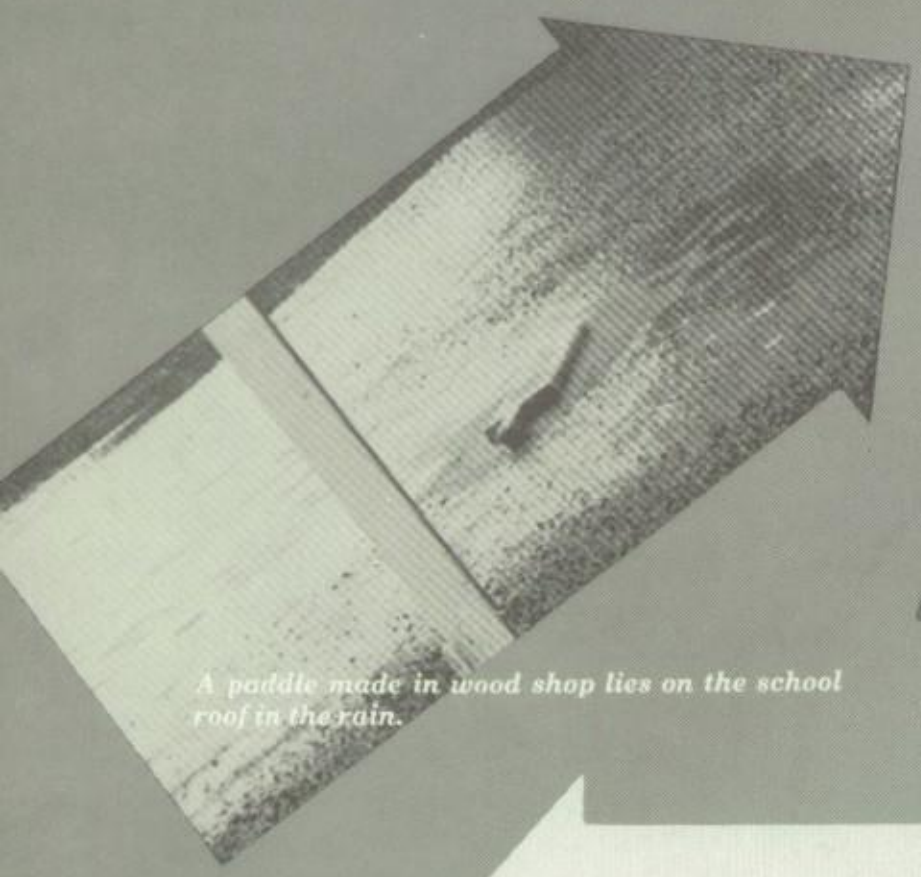
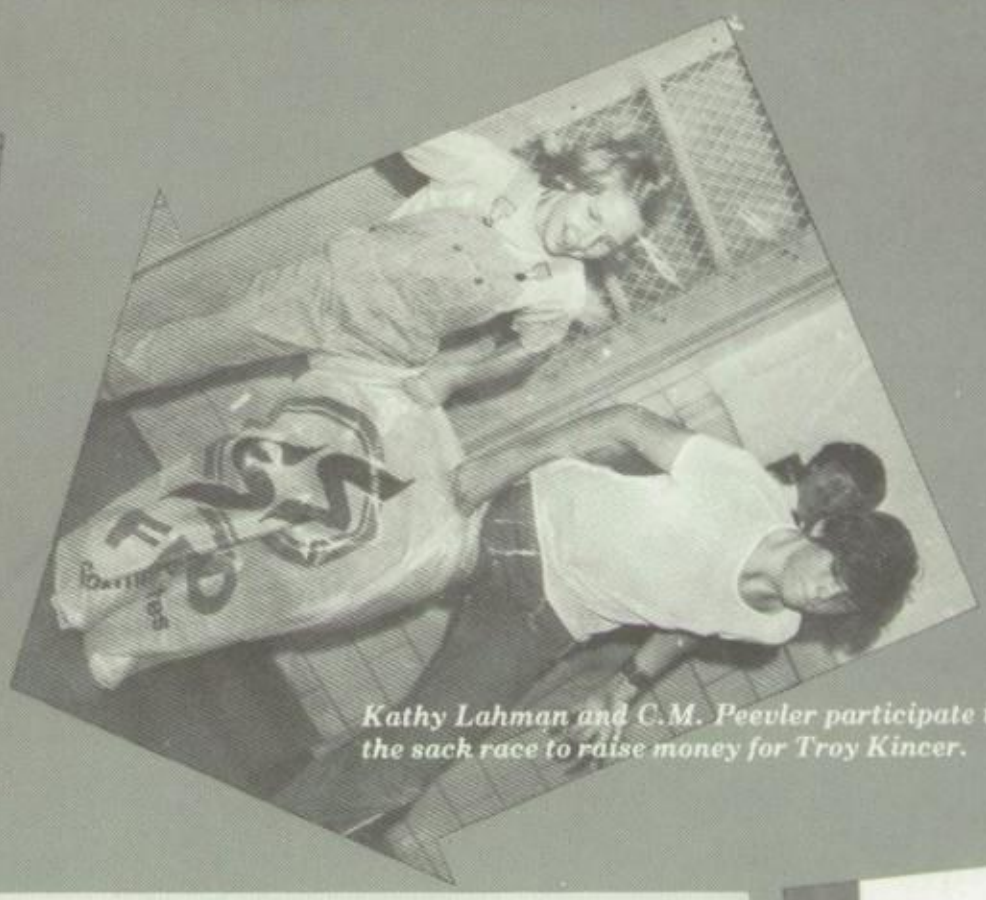
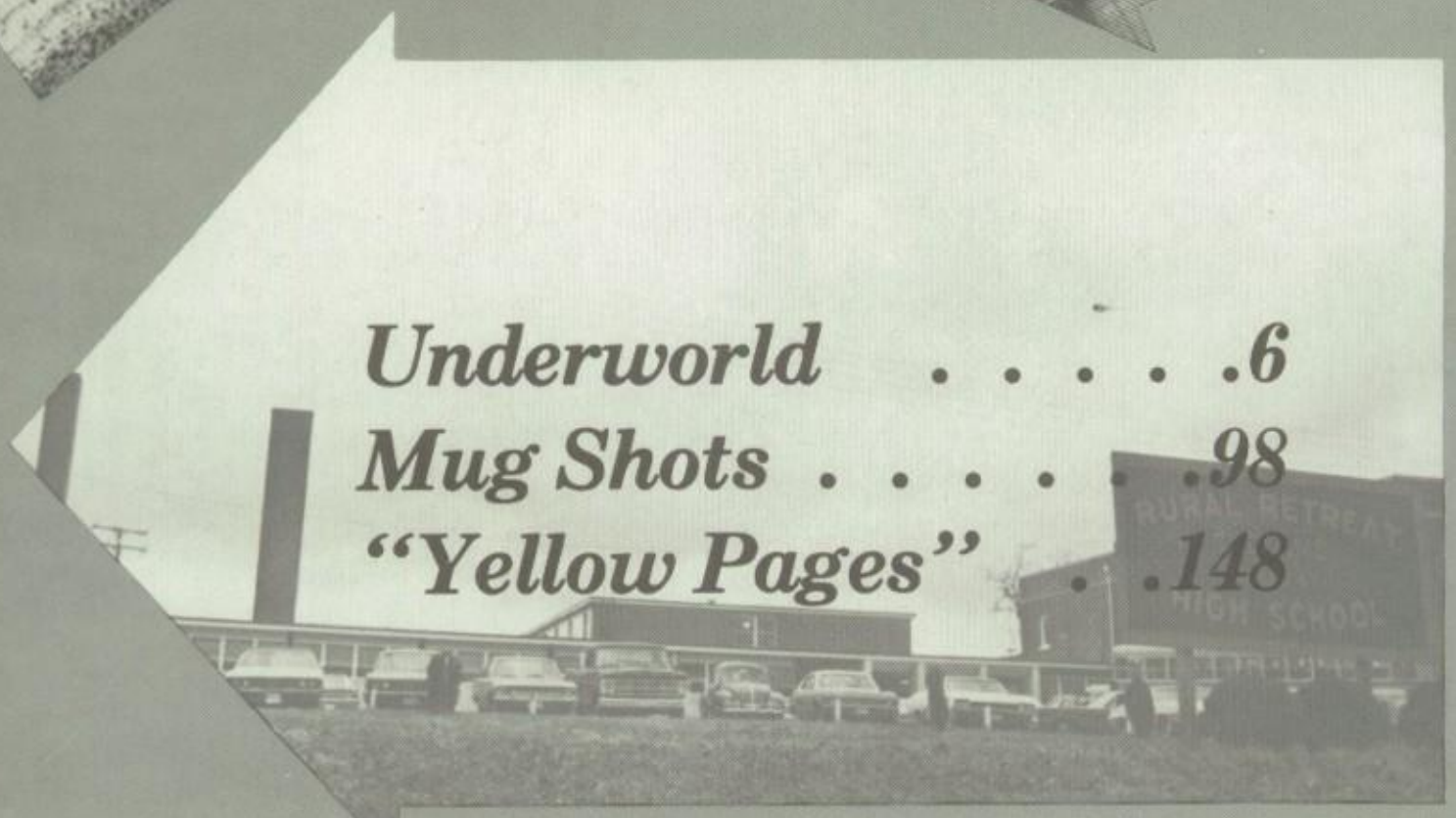
Helping with the school spirit, teachers pose as cheerleaders.



A paddle made in wood shop lies on the school roof in the rain.



Kathy Lahman and C.M. Peevler participate in the sack race to raise money for Troy Kincer.



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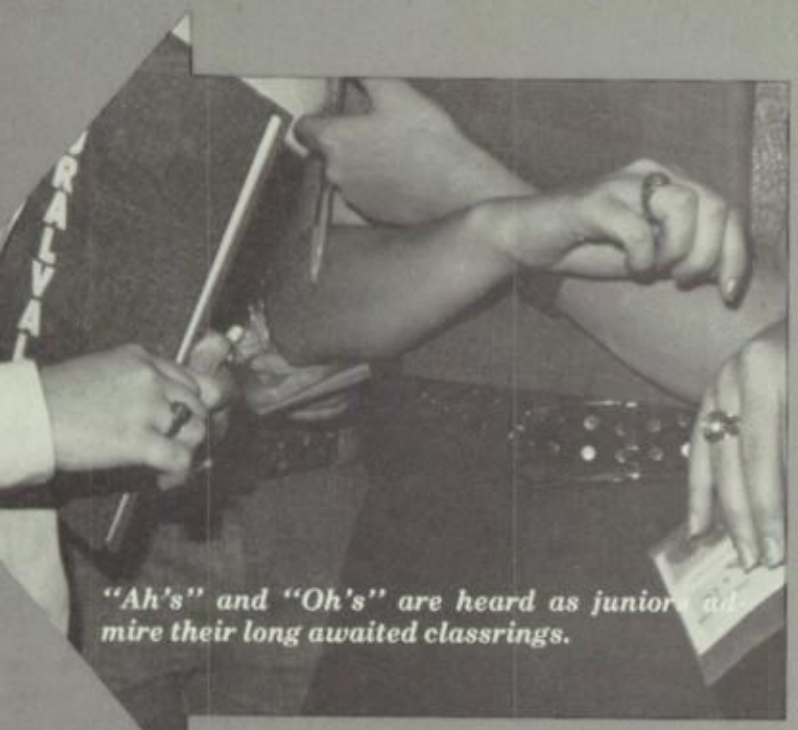
Sheri Wood and Craig VanAntwerpt play war-ball to help raise money for Troy Kincer Week.

August 25, 1975 — A Beginning



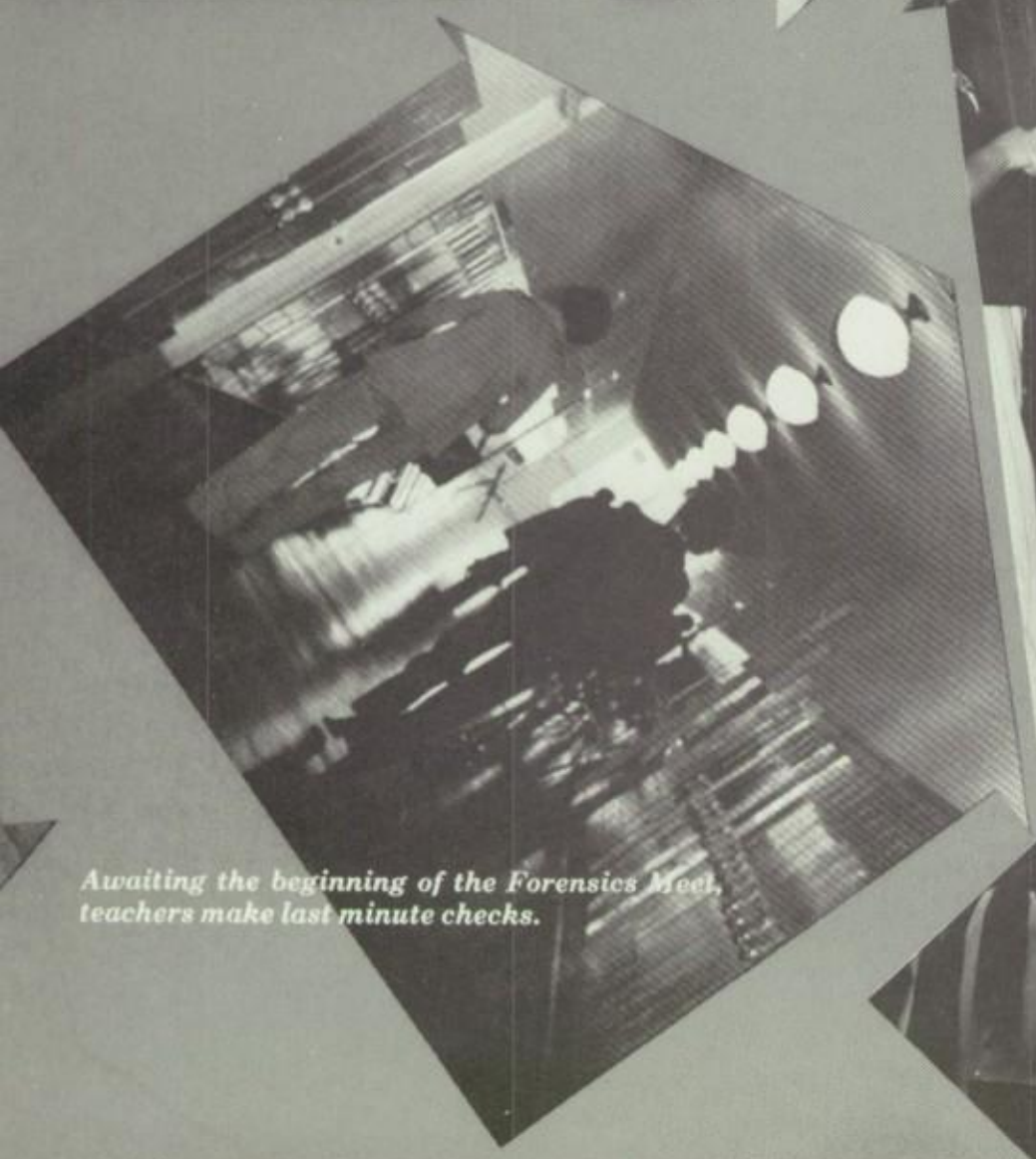
"Ah's" and "Oh's" are heard as juniors admire their long awaited classrings.

During lunch, Vickie Alley practices typing.

Bang! Crash! Clang! "What did you do all summer?" "What classes have you got?" "I can't believe it, we're finally seniors." "We've only got 179 more days." These were a few excerpts from the many conversations heard around school on the very first day in August of '75. This was a beginning of "high school days" for the 109 eighth graders. For seniors it was the beginning of their last year. For both students and teachers it was the beginning of a new school year. When the bell rang at the end of the first day, everyone realized that it was a beginning.

Watching every move on the field, Coaches Lineberry and Bryant instruct players on the next move.

Johnny Brown and Brenda Holbrook decorate their first period door for the Christmas season.



Awaiting the beginning of the Forensics Meet, teachers make last minute checks.

Ninth grade float theme "The Devil Made Me Do It" won third place in the float contest at Homecoming.

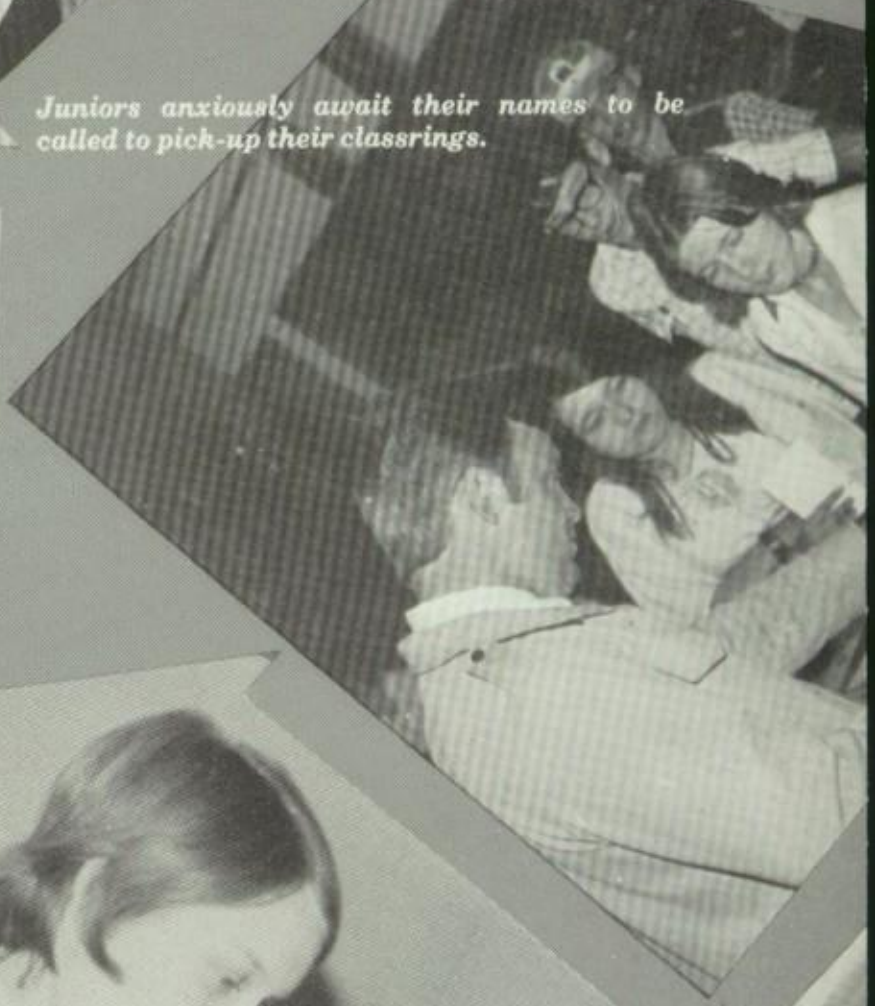
. . . 179 More Days

Coach Lineberry's world history class celebrates the Christmas season joyfully.

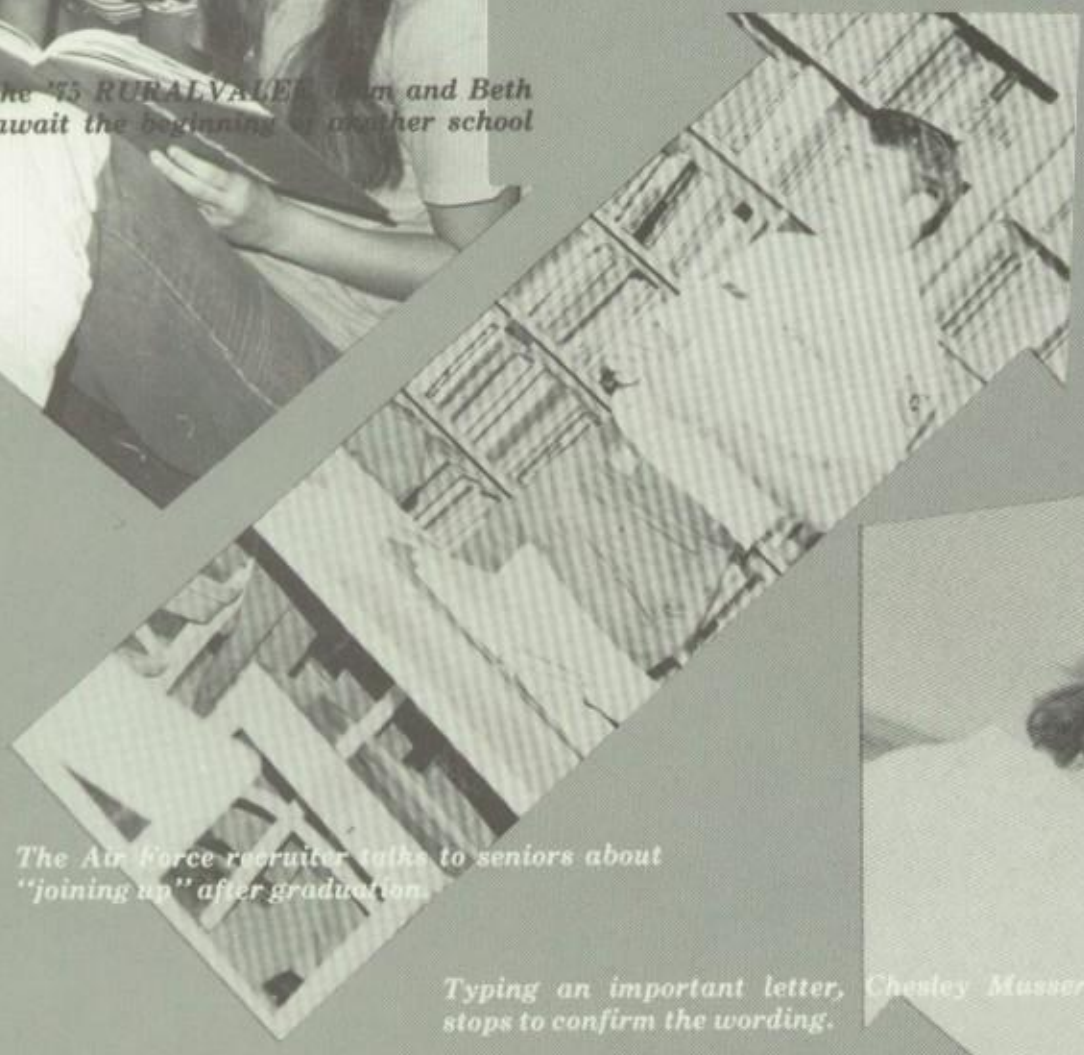
Without a care in the world, Sally Vaught walks toward the football field to cheer at a home game.

Angie Jones is "caught by the camera" at an FHA meeting.

Reading the '75 RURALVALE[illegible] Tom and Beth Johnson await the beginning of another school day.



Juniors anxiously await their names to be called to pick-up their classrings.



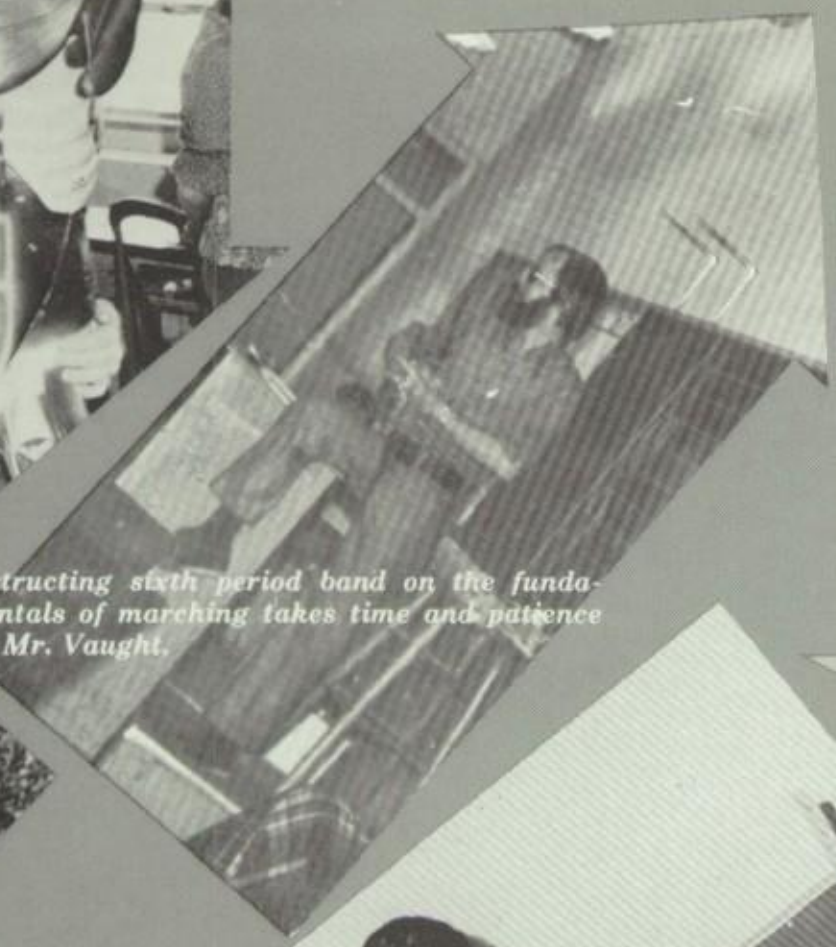
The Air Force recruiter talks to seniors about "joining up" after graduation.

Typing an important letter, Chesley Musser stops to confirm the wording.

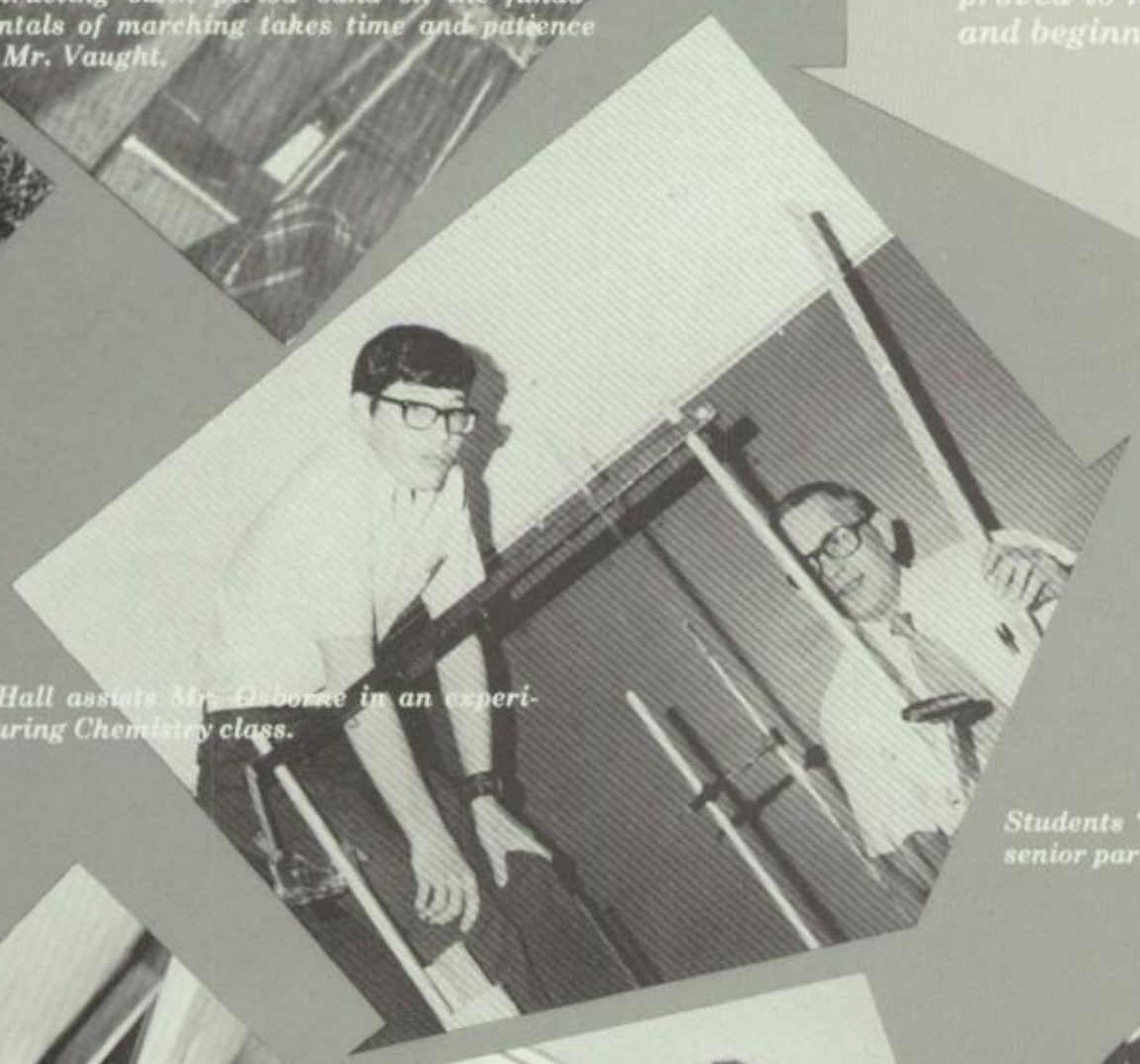
Doris Crouse hides behind "the man."

As students and cheerleaders listen intently, Coaches Branson and Lineberry talk about the coming nights game.

As the year progressed, students became involved in many extra curricular activities. For some it was a beginning in clubs and sports while others continued their activeness from last year. Old friendships were renewed and many new friendships were begun. Different classes and teachers created a change of pace from the previous year. Each new day proved to hold many new experiences and beginnings for everyone.



Instructing sixth period band on the fundamentals of marching takes time and patience for Mr. Vaught.



Willie Hall assists Mr. Osborne in an experiment during Chemistry class.

Students "decorate" a car during lunch in the senior parking lot.

Decorating showcases is just one of the many jobs cheerleader Doris Crouse enjoys.

While stopping for a coke break, Colin Hanley poses for a quick picture.

The band waits patiently for the beginning of the Christmas Parade.

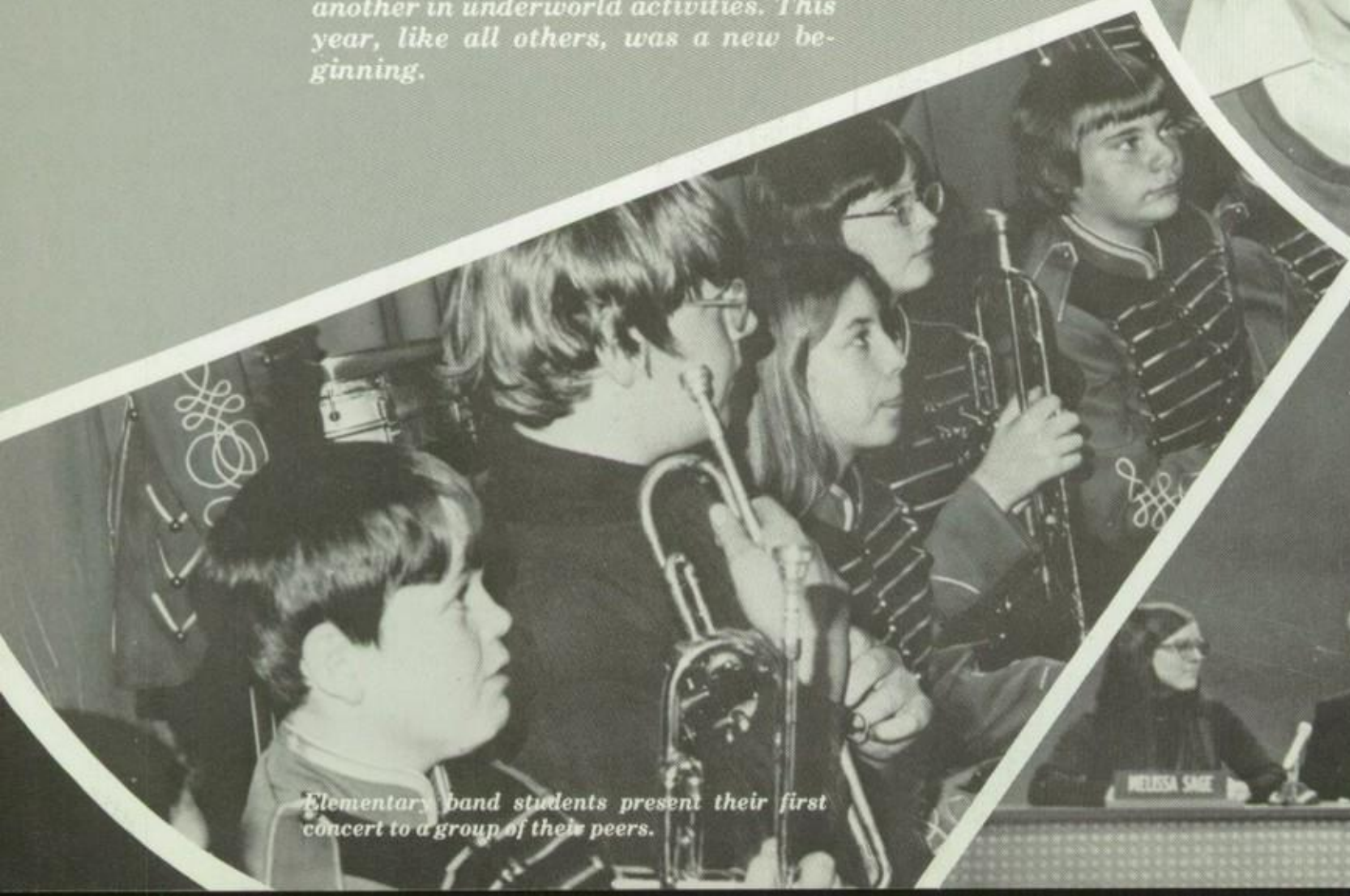
Jeanie Lockett gasps as she sees the beating heart of a frog in biology class.

During an assembly, seniors display a variety of facial expressions.

A great variety of activities and events occurred in the underworld of Rural Retreat High School. Couples and friends kept secrets of some of their little adventures. Teachers were even caught in mysterious conversations and circumstances. Whether at school or after hours, groups were planning to attend ball games, movies, and dances, or in some instances they might have been contemplating studying for one night. Students and teachers became involved in any and all capers going on at Indian headquarters. They came to find that one year is not a continuation of another in underworld activities. This year, like all others, was a new beginning.

Students mob the candy store to get their annuals.

Elementary band students present their first concert to a group of their peers.



Mrs. Willis smiles as Mark Groseclose and Leisa Pack review their critique sheets after placing in regional forensic competition.

UNDERWORLD

As George Bassett removes questions from the wheel, Melissa Sage, Jeff Bowling, and Vickie Alley can't stop talking about their first win.

Teachers make exciting, enthusiastic cheerleaders at a pep rally.

Indians Beat the?!# Out of the Blue Devils*

During Homecoming week, October 6-10, students proved the fact that spirit is alive. Upon the request of the Varsity Cheerleaders, students each day wore the assigned clothing article or color: Monday — hat day; Tuesday — jean and t-shirt day; Wednesday — Clash day; Thursday — Jersey day; and Friday — Big Orange day. J.V. Cheerleaders contributed to the excited atmosphere by constructing a spirit chain, of which two links were 5¢. Both squads combined to decorate the halls.

On Friday, the homecoming Pep Rally provided the means for expressing the excitement and tenseness of the student body. Friday evening, the annual parade took place and the eighth grade float won first place.

Friday night two special events combined to make the evening unforgettable. Bobbie Burton was crowned Homecoming Queen 1975 by Mr. Milton. The night ended with a victory over Independence: 29-20.

The Homecoming Court was again presented Saturday night at the dance. Gary Hayes was crowned King, Mary Frank, Princess, and Keith Hoback, Prince.

As the band, VOYCE, played the last dance of the night, Homecoming 1975 became the beginning of the last memories of the seniors.

Homecoming Queen Bobbie Burton smiles radiantly as Mr. Milton adjusts her crown.

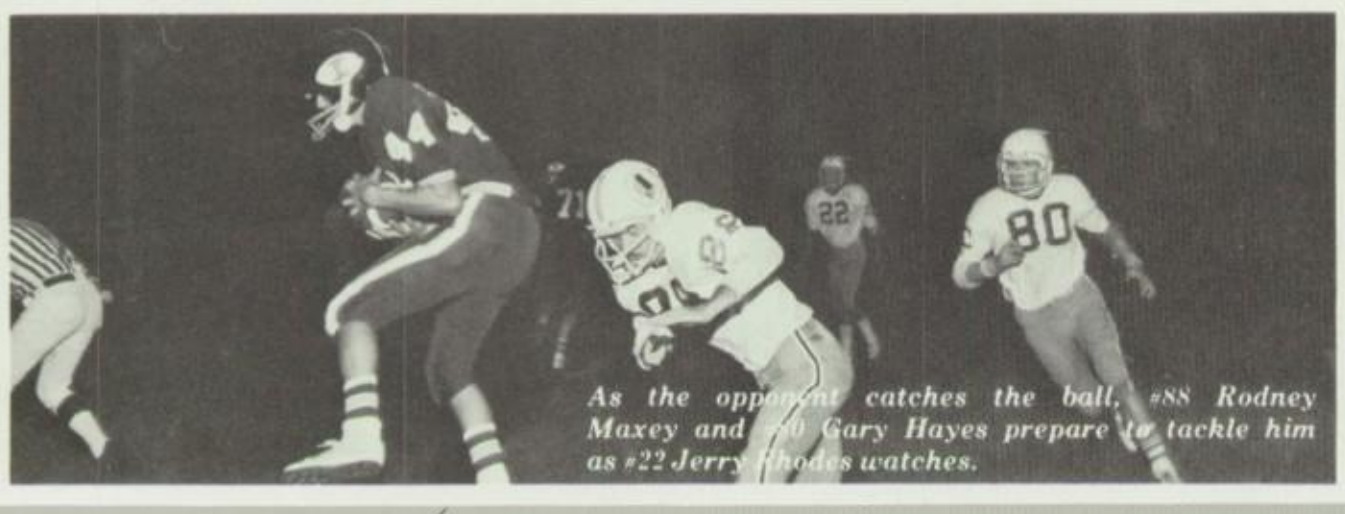
Varsity cheerleaders of both teams take a social break during half time, giving both squads the chance to know each other better.

Expressing excitement and desire, Captain George Wolfe speaks to the pep rally crowd as the other Captains, Rickey Sharpe, Colin Hanley and Gary Hayes, along with Ellen Wright, listen intently.

The Homecoming Court of 1975 consisted of George Wolfe, Rickey Sharpe, Ethel Crockett, Dean Tolley, Vicky Holbrook, Leisa Pack, Colin Hanley, Princess Mary Frank, Queen Bobbie Burton, King Gary Hayes, Prince Keith Hoback, Tammy Patton, Eddie Heldreth, Ellen Wright, Allan Widner, Esther Kincer, Lois Grubb, Doug Jarvis, Debby Delp, and Micheal Whalen.

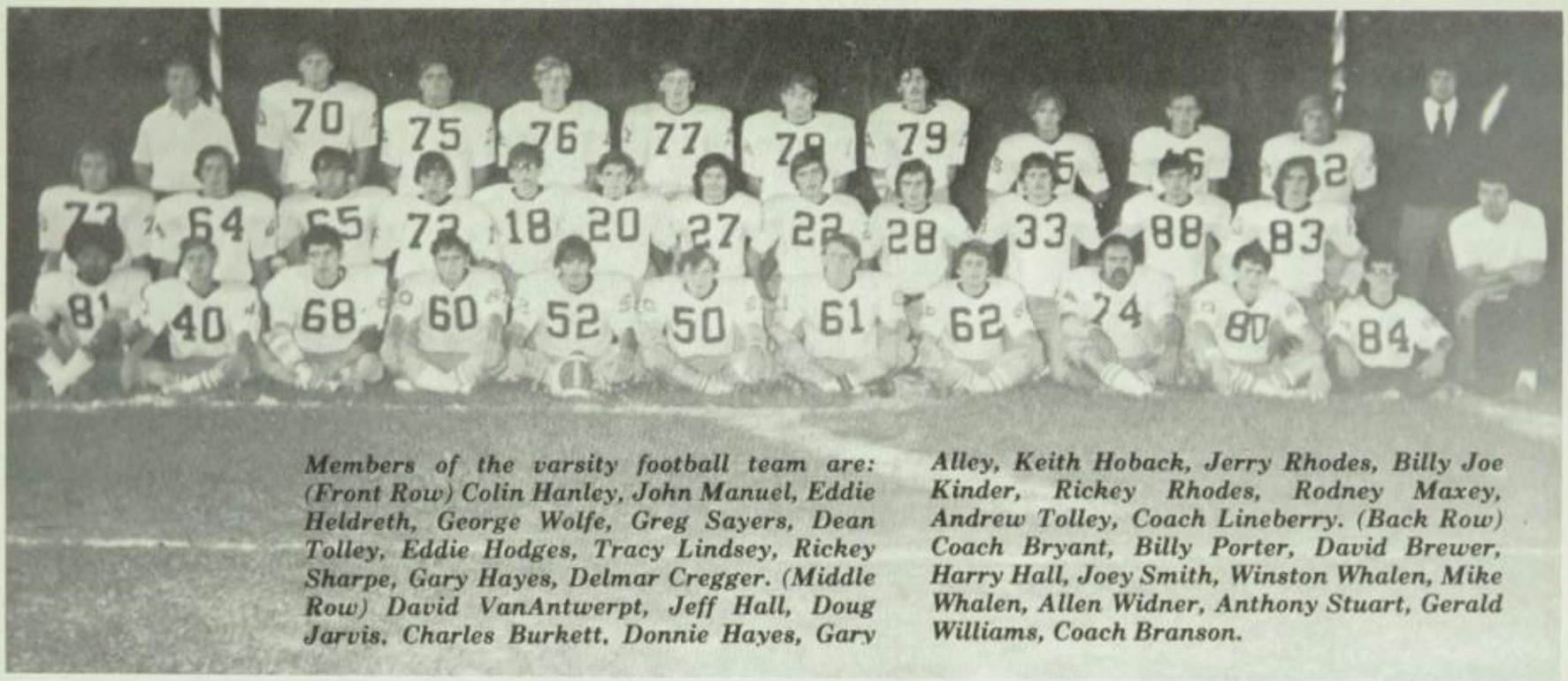
The Eighth grade float with the theme "Just for Freedom, Let's Beat 'Em!" received first prize in the Homecoming Parade.

While waiting for the crowning of the new queen, Mr. Barker and Mr. Milton express excitement and anticipation.



As the opponent catches the ball, #88 Rodney Maxey and #80 Gary Hayes prepare to tackle him as #22 Jerry Rhodes watches.

Indians Have A "Rebuilding Year"



Members of the varsity football team are: (Front Row) Colin Hanley, John Manuel, Eddie Heldreth, George Wolfe, Greg Sayers, Dean Tolley, Eddie Hodges, Tracy Lindsey, Rickey Sharpe, Gary Hayes, Delmar Cregger. (Middle Row) David VanAntwerpt, Jeff Hall, Doug Jarvis, Charles Burkett, Donnie Hayes, Gary Alley, Keith Hoback, Jerry Rhodes, Billy Joe Kinder, Rickey Rhodes, Rodney Maxey, Andrew Tolley, Coach Lineberry. (Back Row) Coach Bryant, Billy Porter, David Brewer, Harry Hall, Joey Smith, Winston Whalen, Mike Whalen, Allen Widner, Anthony Stuart, Gerald Williams, Coach Branson.

Coach Bryant and Coach Lineberry described the '75 football season as a rebuilding year for the Indians. This was illustrated by a record of two wins, six losses, and two ties. Even though the wins were few, the practice and experience gained will be of benefit in future seasons.

RRHS was represented on the district football team by Eddie Heldreth, Colin Hanley, Greg Sayers, Gerald Williams, and Eddie Hodges. These boys were outstanding in their positions and earned the Indians recognition in the district.

After a week of various pep stunts, Spirit Week reached its peak on Friday night at the Homecoming game. The hard fought game was well worth it when it ended in a 26-20 defeat over Independence.

Considering all aspects of the season, it was a year of learning and gaining knowledge that comes only from experience.

SCOREBOARD

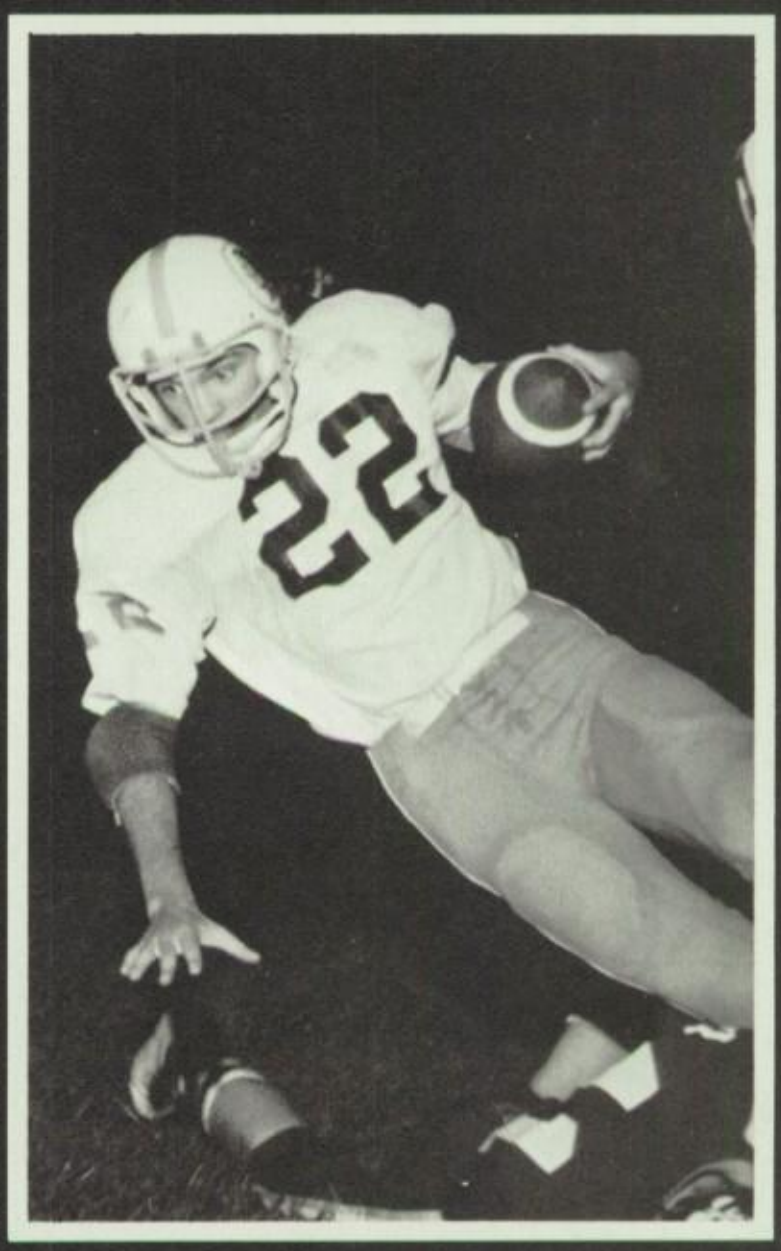
RRHS		*Opponent*
0	*Pennington Gap*	*27*
6	*Holston*	*6*
6	*Ft. Chiswell*	*32*
26	*Shawsville*	*0*
14	*Rich Valley*	*14*
29	*Independence*	*20*
6	*Clifton Forge*	*22*
6	*Saltville*	*7*
6	*George Wythe*	*35*
6	*Chilhowie*	*56*

Won 2 — Lost 6 — Tied 2

Intent on the game, Gary Alley, George Wolfe, and Harry Hall contemplate the next play.

Pep talks and going over plays play an important part in football.

Jerry Rhodes stumbles over his opponent after making a fantastic play.

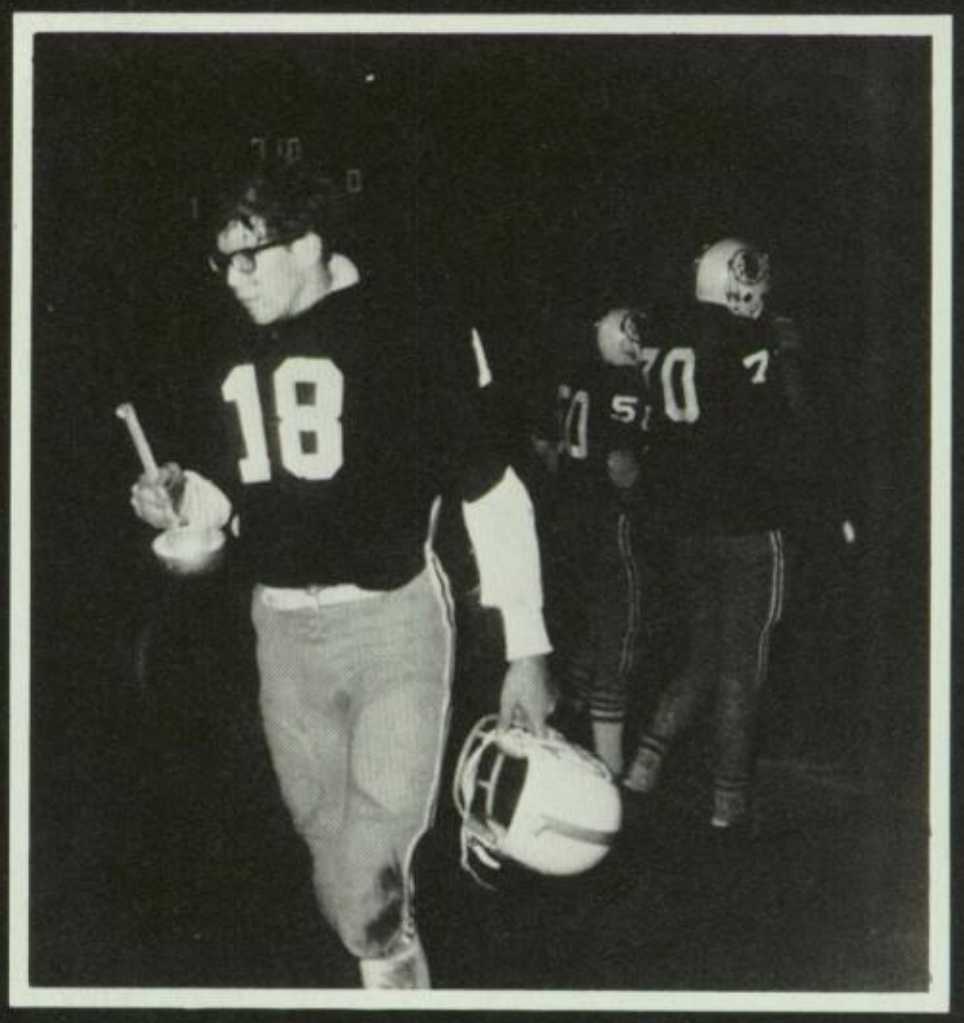


After a play, manager John Burnett gives Donnie Hayes and Billy Joe Kinder some water.

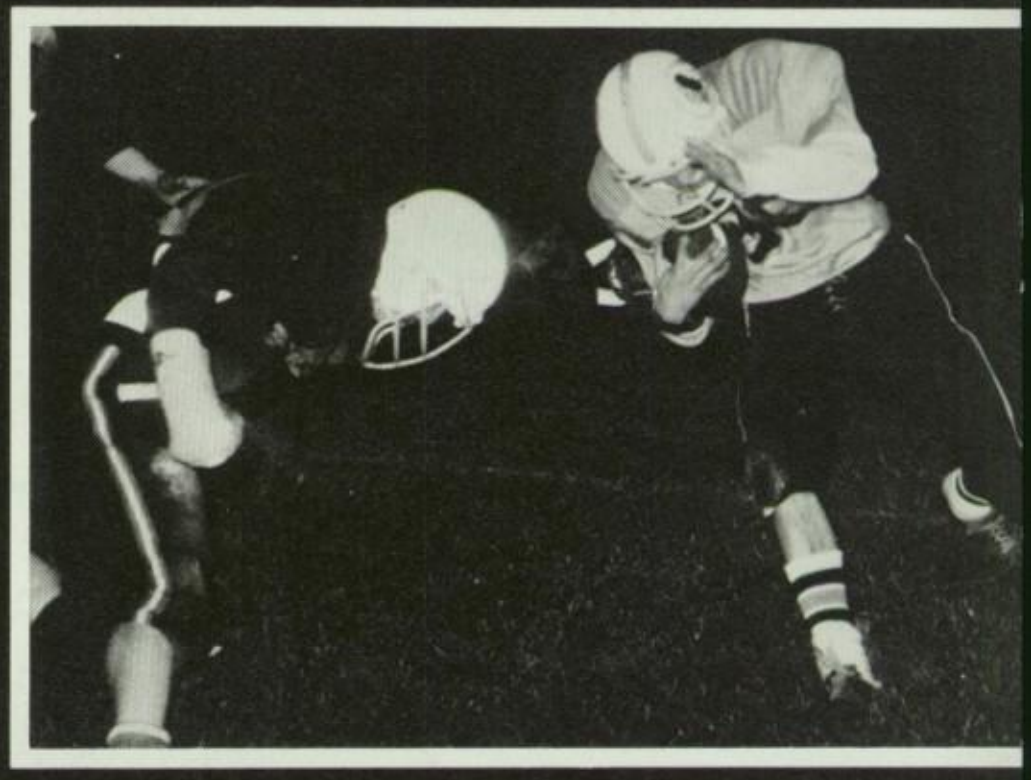
Coach Bryant goes over the team's plays before the game begins.

In the dressing room, Greg Sayers takes time out for a rest.

After a refreshing drink of water, Donnie Hayes returns the dipper to the bucket.



After a long, hard game, David Brewer leaves the field.

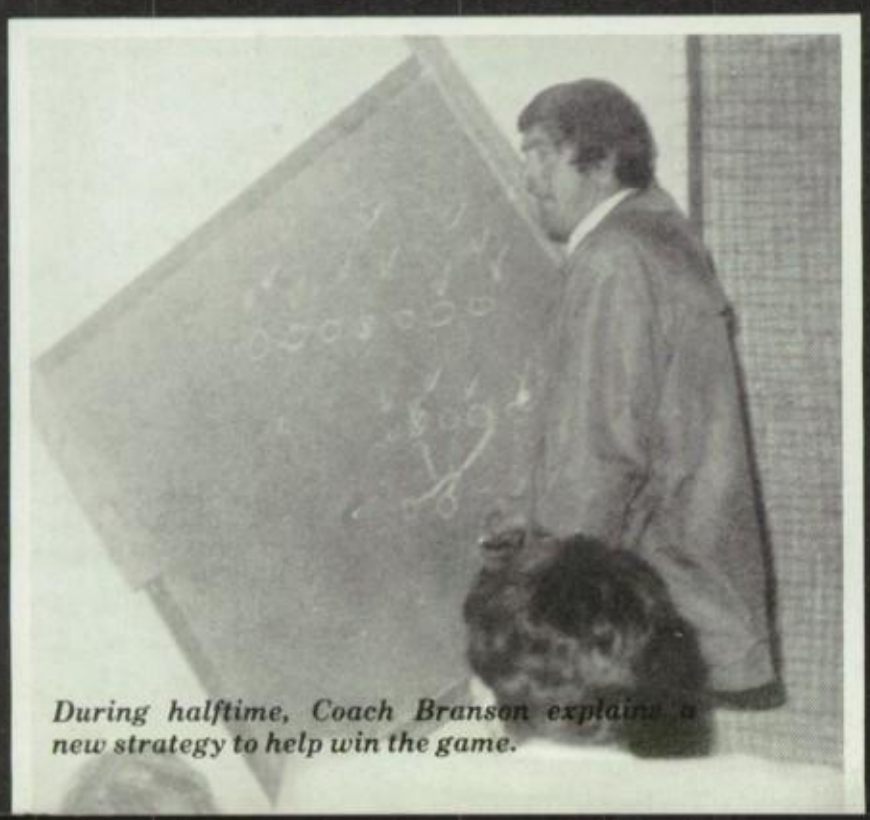


Rodney Maxey carries the ball, trying to gain yardage for the Indians.

J.V.'s Get It Together

Members of the J.V. team are: (Front Row) Mike Hall, B.J. Kinder, Ricky Rhodes, Donald Burton, Gary Alley, John Manuel, Tommy Bridges, Steve Brewer, Delmar Cregger. (Middle Row) Rodney Maxey, Donald Stroupe, Ricky Cox, Ted Patton, Joe Smith, James Craver, Andrew Tolley, Anthony Stuart, Jamie Parks. (Back Row) Craig VanAntwerpt, Tony Parks, Jeff Hall, Billy Porter, Kenny Brown, Wesley Grubb, George Reasor, Allan Lacy, Coach Branson.

From football field to football field, the Junior Varsity team demonstrated their ability to produce a winning season. Their record was 5-2-0, with losses only to Saltville and Chilhowie. Under the leadership of Coach Branson and team captains Billy Joe Kinder, Gary Alley, and Ricky Rhodes, the team was hard to beat. Through all the hot, grueling hours of practice to those tense, quiet moments before the start of the game, the J.V.'s showed that they had what it took to win and to keep on winning.



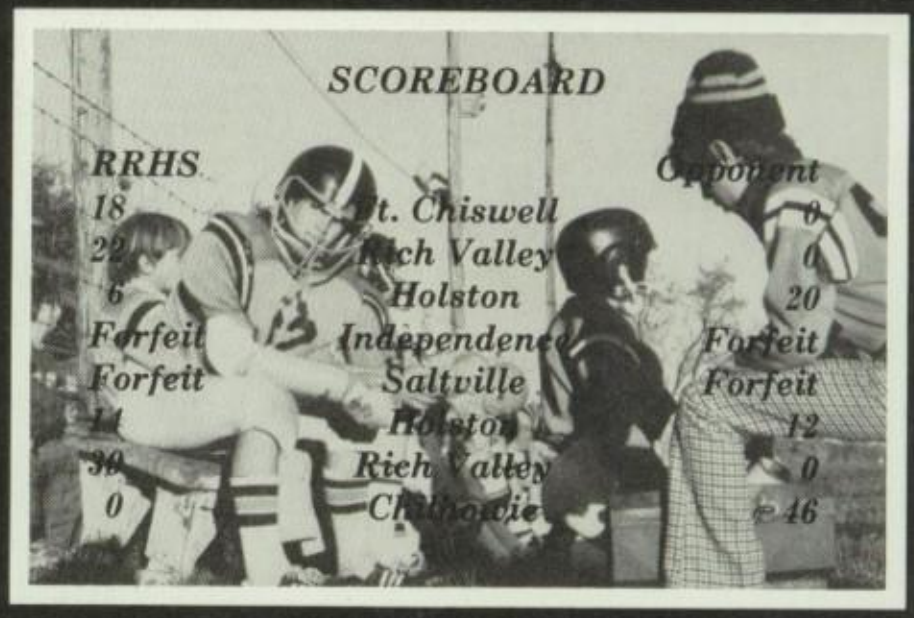
During halftime, Coach Branson explains a new strategy to help win the game.

The pre-game warm-ups were as much a part of the game as the action.

Eighth Grade Team Has A Winning Season

After an opening scrimmage victory over Wytheville (24-6), the eighth grade team realized they were capable of having a winning season. Spirits soared after the opening win over rival Fort Chiswell, and continued high after the Rich Valley win. However, Holston proved to be a tougher match than expected and the Indians went down to defeat. The team worked hard but did not get a chance to rebuild their confidence, as a result of two forfeits by Independence and Saltville, but avenged their loss to Holston in their next game. After a big win over Rich Valley, the team's season ended on a low point with a loss to Chilhowie.

The coaches felt that the team had gained much experience and hopefully, had developed some of the fundamentals they will need in the future to give Rural Retreat High School a winning team.



Coaches Blankenship, Mills, and Sage, and Manager David Dunford watch from the sidelines as the game progresses.

As part of the team plays on the field, the rest gives support from the sidelines.

The eighth grade team is: (Front Row) David Dunford, Kerry Steffan, Allan Dix, Mike Atwell, Harlem Musser, Richie Hayes, Paul Groseclose, Larry Musser, Kirk Heldreth, Mark Russell, Mike McFarland, Jackie Davidson (mgr.). (Second Row) Bill Tarter, Kevin Blair, Ricky Pickle, Darryl Hackler, Mark Dutton, Darryl Bryant, Brady Lambert, David Hall, Frank Ellison, Boyd Houston, Paul Porter, Coach Sage. (Third Row) Coach Mills, Coach Blankenship, Randy Irvin, Claude Davidson, Bill Bralley, Timmy Spraker, John Burnett, Mark Wright.

Faculty members and Mr. Milton keep a watchful eye on the students before they enter the studio.

Klassroom Kwiz Team Goes Five Weeks

NHS members muse over tales told on the bus.

A "wise crack" from the audience catches Vickie Alley and George Bassett by surprise.

Panel members Jeff Bowling and Melissa Sage enjoy cokes before the show begins.

Senior National Honor Society members Vickie Alley, Jeff Bowling, and Melissa Sage represented Rural Retreat on Klassroom Kwiz, a regionally televised quiz game. The panel defeated teams from New Castle, Rocky Gap, George Washington Carver, and Stuart Hall before falling to Tunstall High School. These students stayed on longer than any other team in the school's history of previous appearances. The frolics of Dale Willis and Rachael Ely made the two-hour bus trip to Roanoke more eventful. Norma Willis, Betsy Ely, and Janie Alley accompanied NHS members and organization officers weekly to cheer the team on.

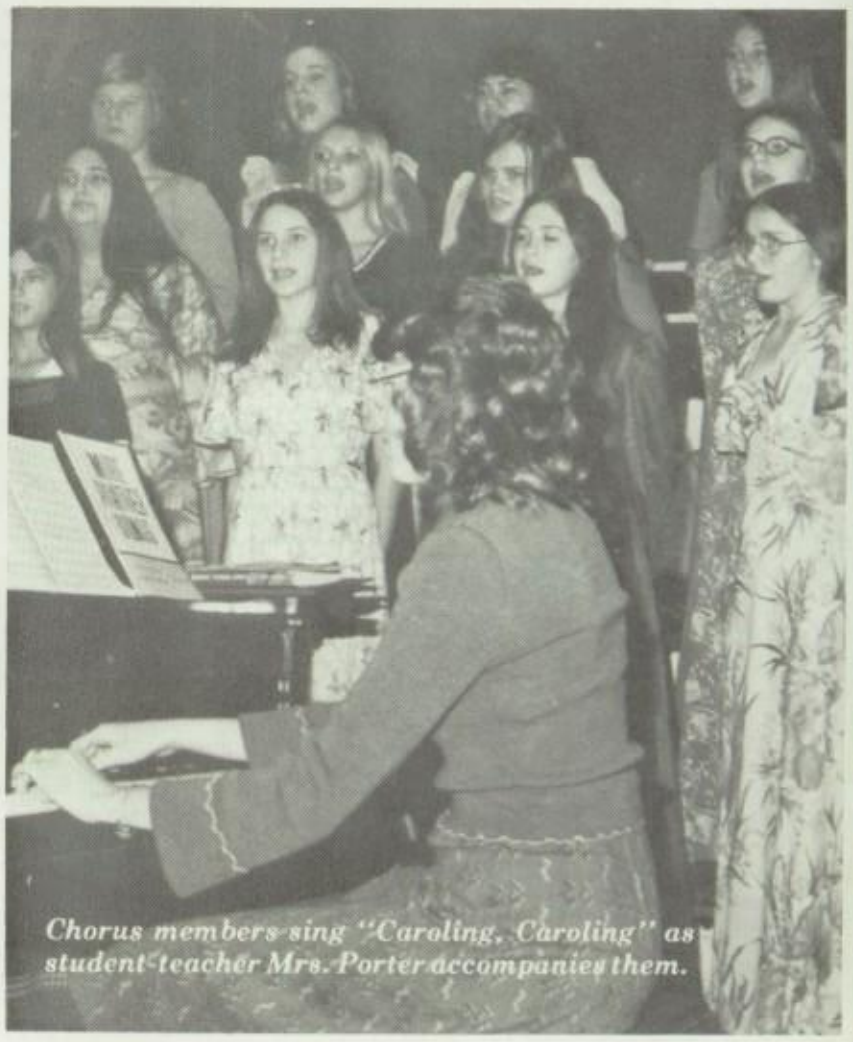
Multitude of Events Surround Christmas

Students jive to the sounds of an area band before the Snow Queen and King are announced.

Brownies from the local Girl Scout Troupe brave the cold weather to ride in the parade.

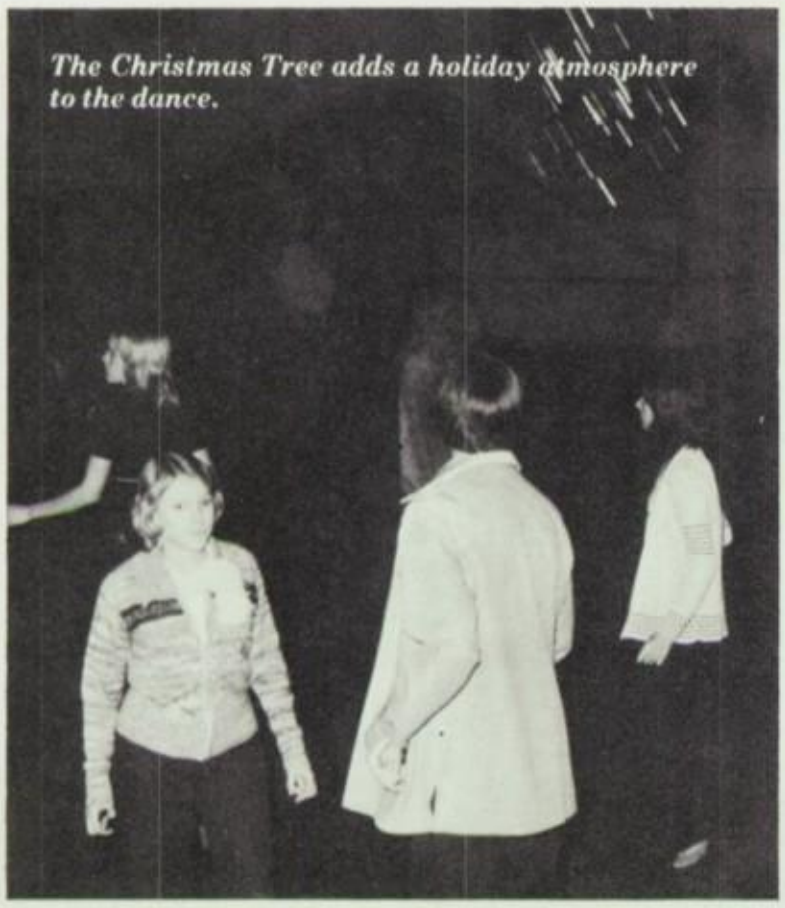
Donna Hawthorne diligently tries to make Mr. Osborne's door portray the spirit of Christmas.

Connie Tomlinson enjoys the food at the F.H.A. Christmas Banquet.



Chorus members sing "Caroling, Caroling" as student-teacher Mrs. Porter accompanies them.

The Big Indian Band leads the Christmas Parade up Buck Avenue to the Town Square.



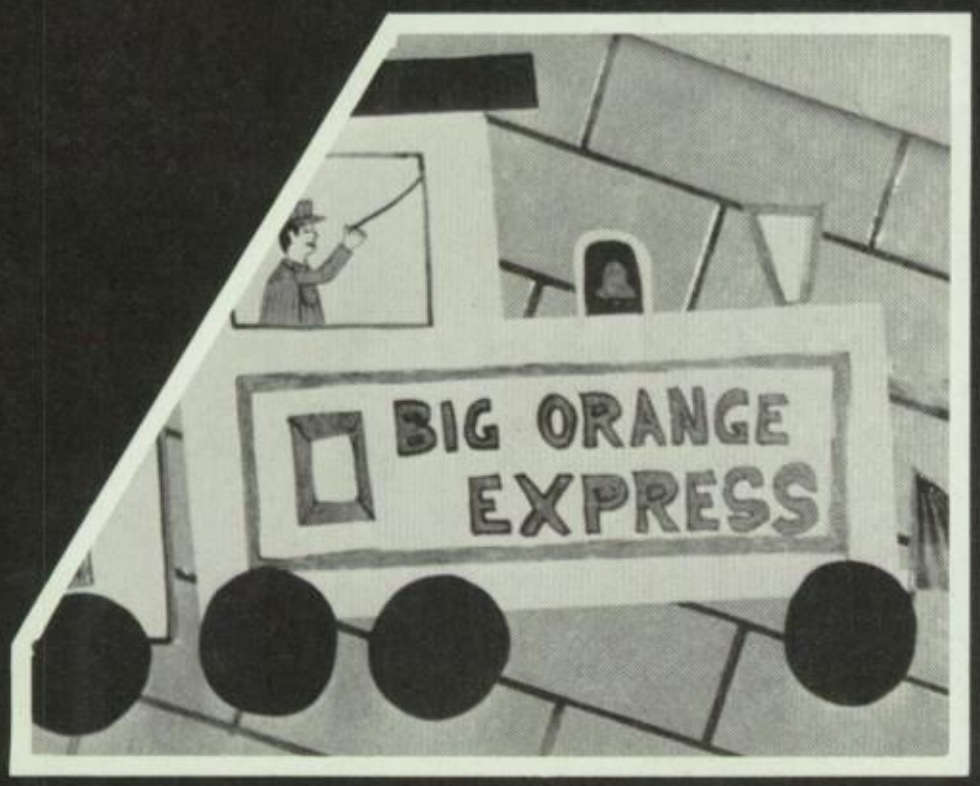
The Christmas Tree adds a holiday atmosphere to the dance.

The holiday season found students involved in numerous activities. The week before school closed, F.H.A. members enjoyed their annual Christmas Banquet, the Music Department presented a holiday concert, and the S.C.A. sponsored a door decoration contest. The Senior Class selected Debby Delp and Richard Ward to reign as Snow Queen and King. Various clubs and businesses sponsored floats in the Rural Retreat Christmas Parade. As a highlight to the season, the Sophomore Class sponsored a Christmas Dance.

First Oboe Dale Jones watches as the flute section plays "The Budapest Carol."

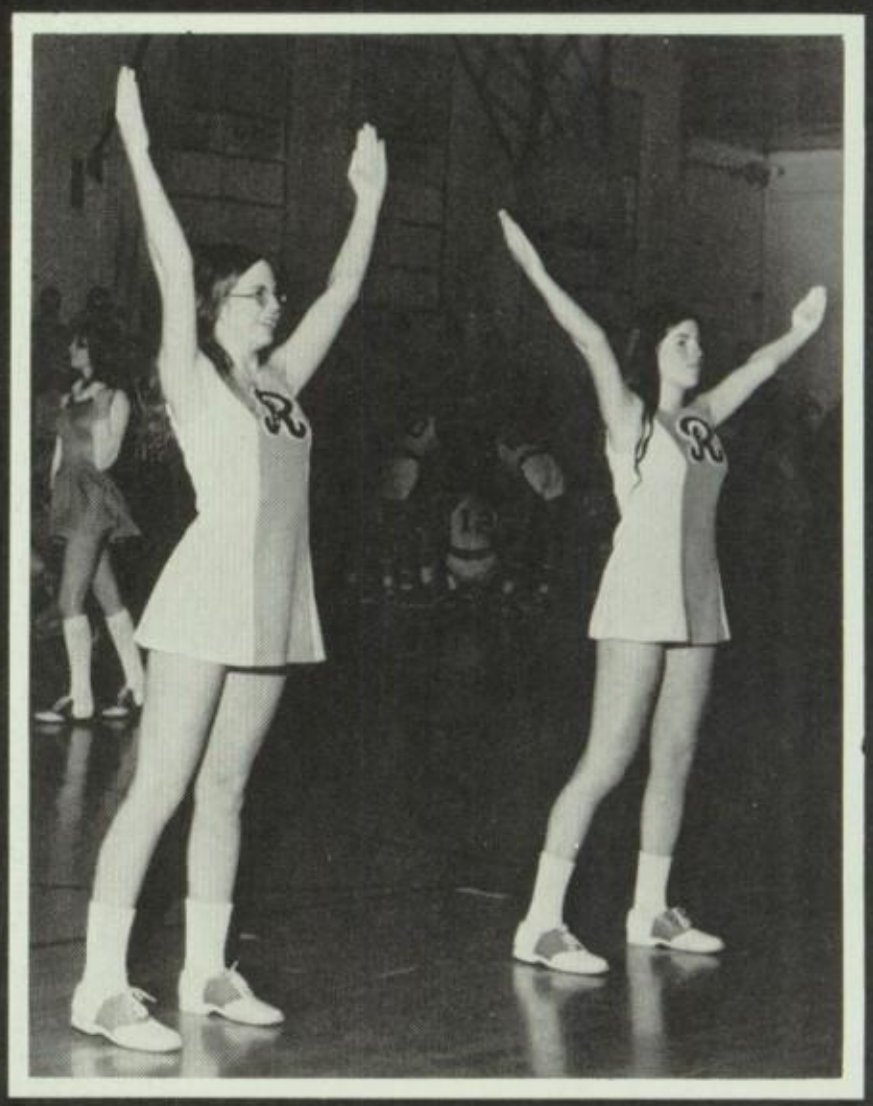
Many students enjoyed saying "Merry Christmas" in a dance.

Cheerleaders Believe In School Spirit



A poster that brightens the walls of the gym during a pep rally.

Ellen Wright and Pat Porter boost school spirit at a basketball game.



Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders ride in the Homecoming parade.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders are: Judy Marshall, Sheri Wood, Sheila Fielder — Co-Capt., Beth Johnson — Co-Capt., Lori Rosenbaum, and Deedra Williams.

Varsity cheerleaders are: Doris Coruse — Co-Capt., Pat Porter, Ellen Wright — Capt., Patti Tibbs, and Vickie Whalen.

J.V. Co-Captains, Beth Johnson and Sheila Fielder, lead the fans in the cheer Boogie-Woogie Blues.

The Rural Retreat cheelreaders had a very fulfilling year. The Varsity started their year off by attending a NCA cheerleading camp in Lynchburg. There they received two excellent and two superior awards. The Junior Varsity squad sold Stanley products and held many bake sales in striving for new uniforms. But all-in-all both squads worked hard together in planning pep rallies and promoting school spirit.

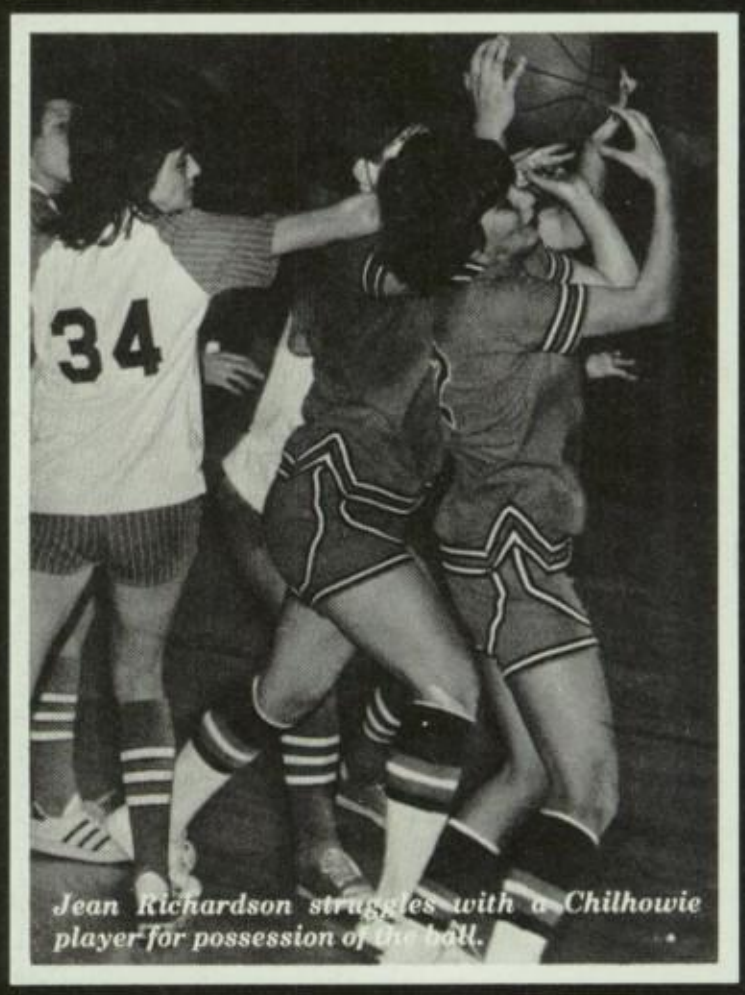
A skit at a pep rally allows both cheerleading squads to work together.

Squaws Take District Title — Regional Runners-Up

The Squaws wrapped up the '75 season with 15 wins and 2 losses. The team was led by Captains Bobbi Burton and Lisa King. Seniors, who made up most of the team, will be greatly missed in the coming year. They were Lisa King, Bobbi Burton, Esther Kincer, Jean Richardson, Pam Johnson, Mary Frank, and Tammy Patton. High scorer and rebounder for the season was Lisa King. Jean Richardson recorded the highest percentage of free throws, and Bobbi Burton was the leader for the most steals in a season.

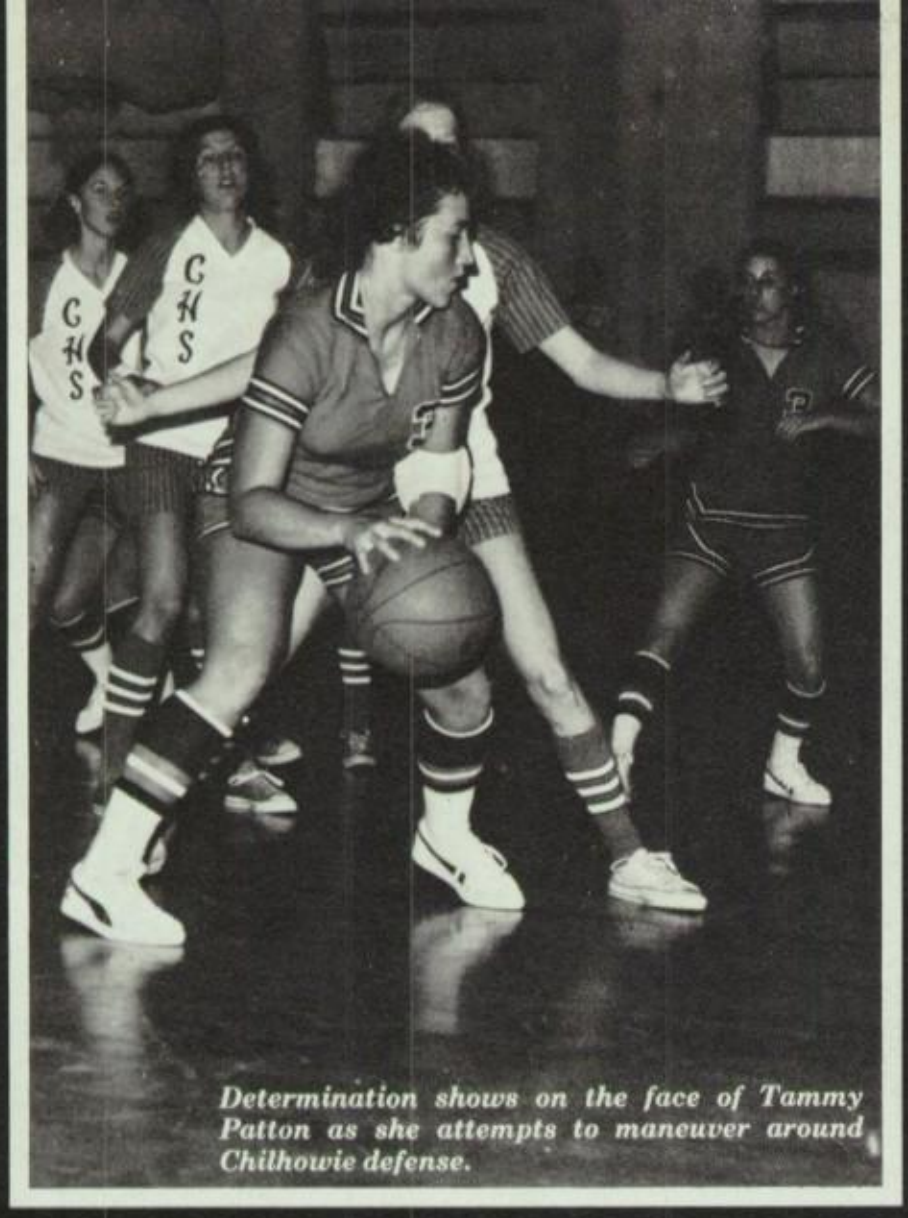
The Squaws recorded an outstanding year by suffering only one loss to Marion in regular season play. The Hogoheegee District title was won by defeating Chilhowie.

Marion High School hosted the regional tournaments in November. Rural Retreat demonstrated excellent ball-handling by defeating Independence and Ft. Defiance in the first two rounds of play, but was defeated in overtime by Chilhowie in the third game to become Regional Runners-up.



Jean Richardson struggles with a Chilhowie player for possession of the ball.

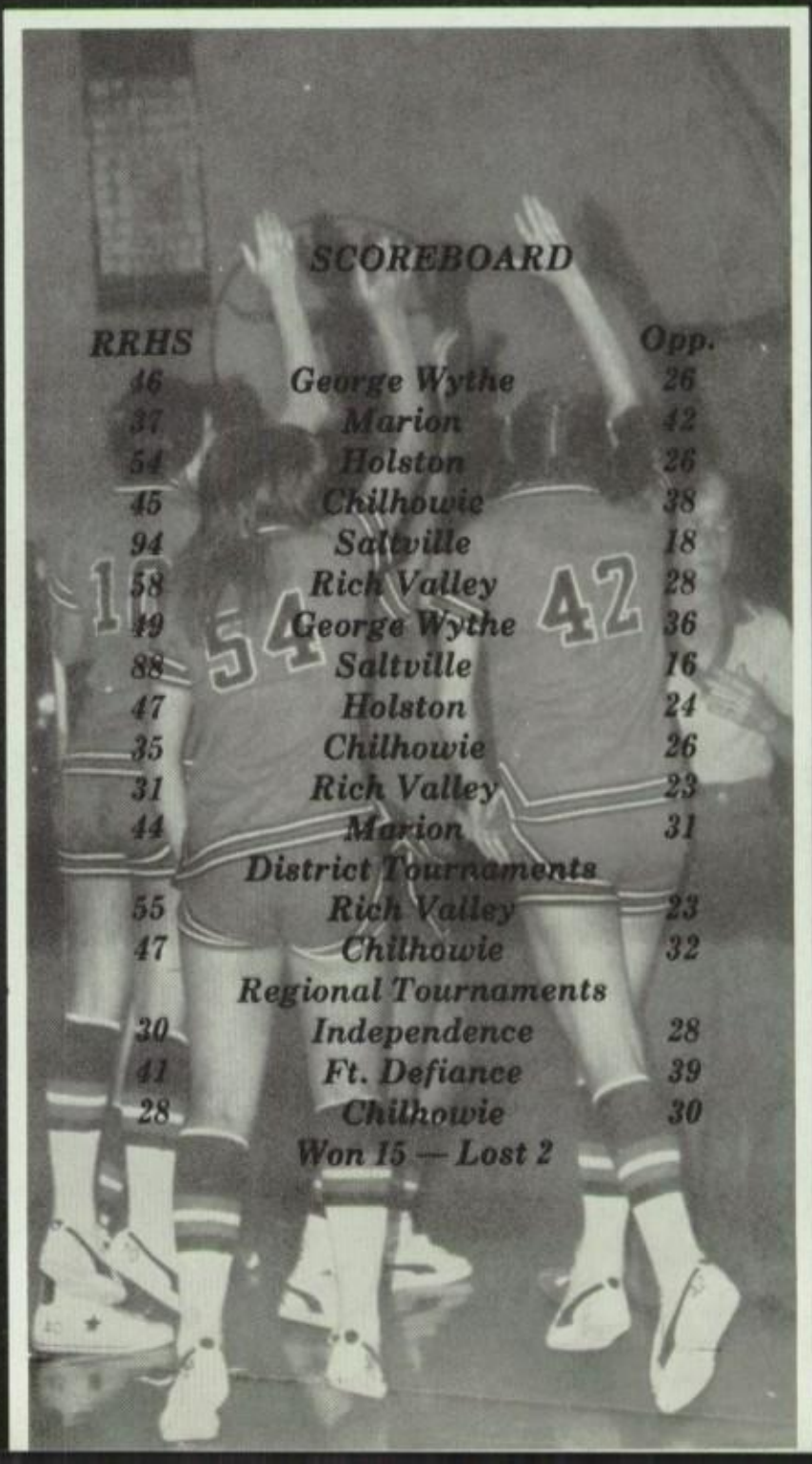
Varsity players are: (Front Row) Mary Frank, Pam Johnson, Bobbi Burton, Lisa King, Jean Richardson, Jeanie Brewster. (Back Row) Tammy Patton, Esther Kincer, Wanda Brown, Coach Pat Milgrim, Vickie Whalen, Patti Tibbs, Debbie Brewster.



Determination shows on the face of Tammy Patton as she attempts to maneuver around Chilhowie defense.

Pam Johnson shows her unique style for a jump shot.

Patti Tibbs prepares to receive a quick pass from a fellow teammate.



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46	George Wythe	26
37	Marion	42
54	Holston	26
45	Chilhowie	38
94	Saltville	18
58	Rich Valley	28
49	George Wythe	36
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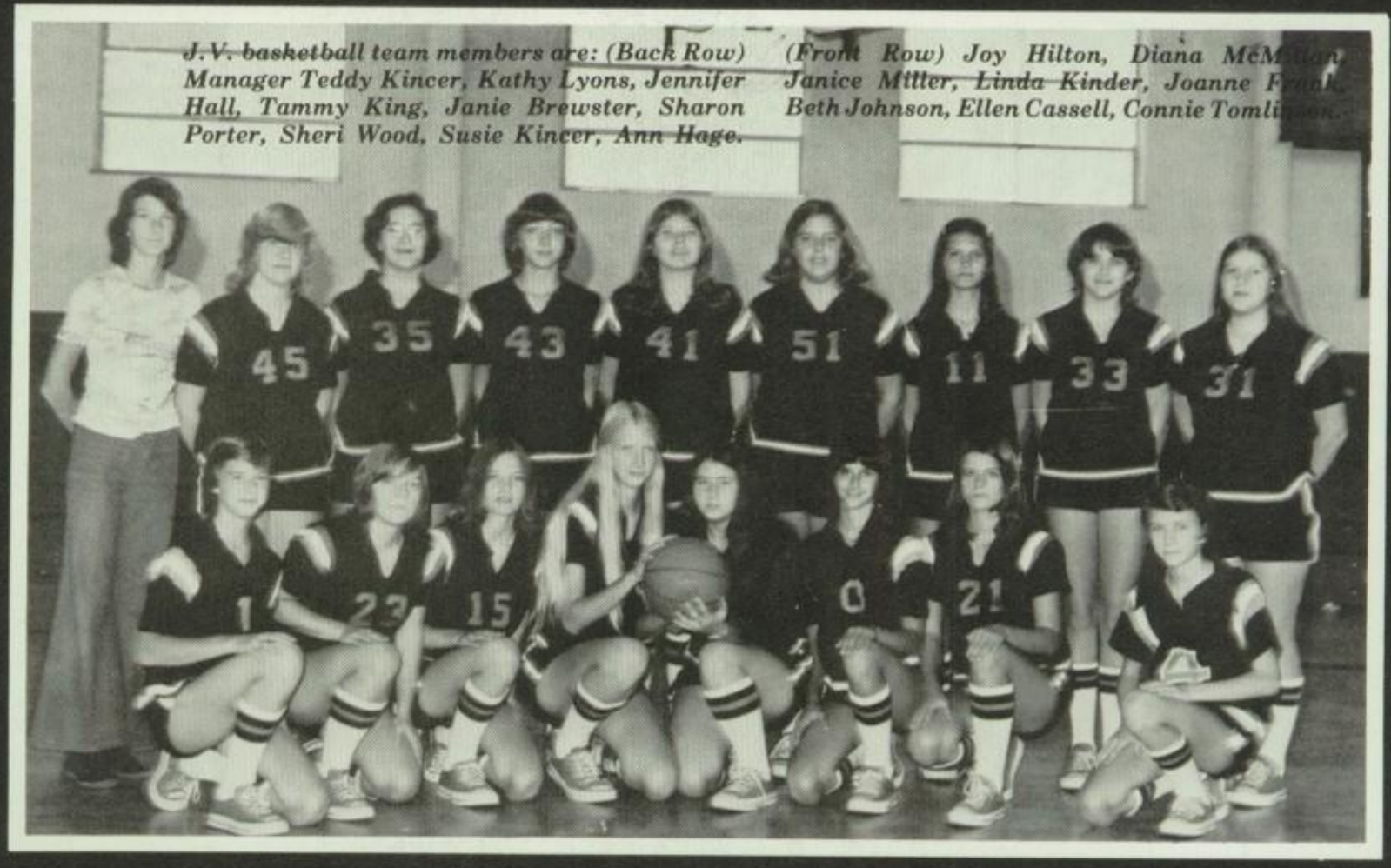
44	Marion	31
	District Tournaments	
55	Rich Valley	23
47	Chilhowie	32
	Regional Tournaments	
30	Independence	28
41	Ft. Defiance	39
28	Chilhowie	30

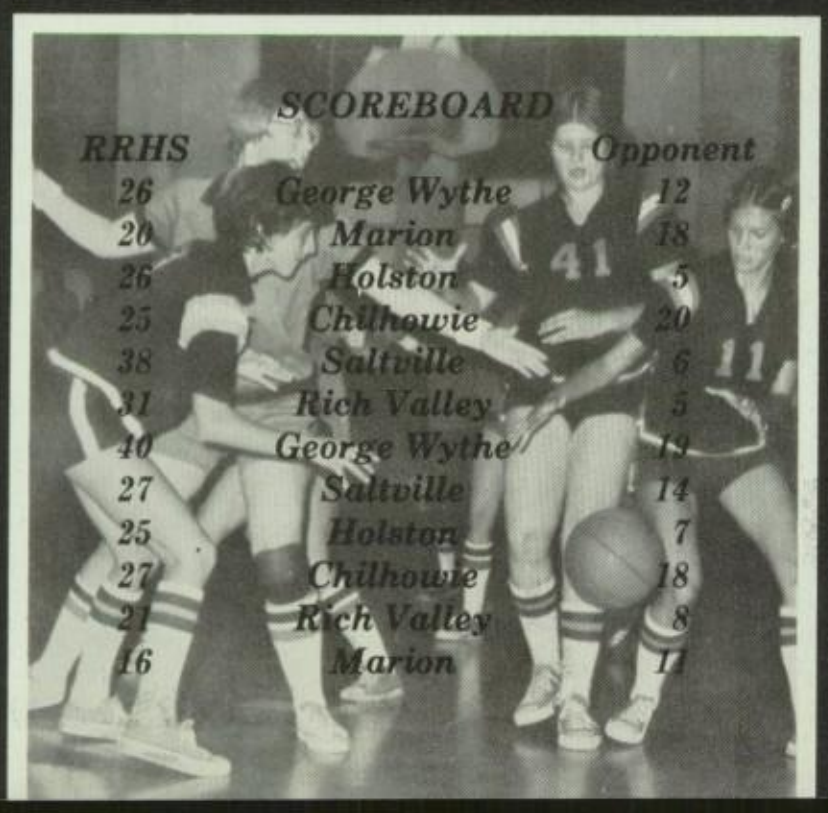
Won 15 — Lost 2

J.V.'s Go Undefeated



J.V. basketball team members are: (Back Row) Manager Teddy Kincer, Kathy Lyons, Jennifer Hall, Tammy King, Janie Brewster, Sharon Porter, Sheri Wood, Susie Kincer, Ann Hage. (Front Row) Joy Hilton, Diana McM[illegible], Janice Miller, Linda Kinder, Joanne Frank, Beth Johnson, Ellen Cassell, Connie Tomli[illegible].

This was an outstanding year for the J.V. basketball team. The J.V.'s ended up with a 12-0 record. Leading the J.V. team in all games were captains Joanne Frank, and Linda Kinder. The team mostly consisted of freshmen who will be playing again next year. Even though there were few sophomores the team will miss them for their excellent work in this activity. Although the sophomores will be leaving the J.V. team, they will have coming years on the Varsity squad.



RRHS		Opponent
26	George Wythe	12
20	Marion	18
26	Holston	5
25	Chilhowie	20
38	Saltville	6
31	Rich Valley	5
40	George Wythe	19
27	Saltville	14
25	Holston	7
27	Chilhowie	18
21	Rich Valley	8
16	Marion	17

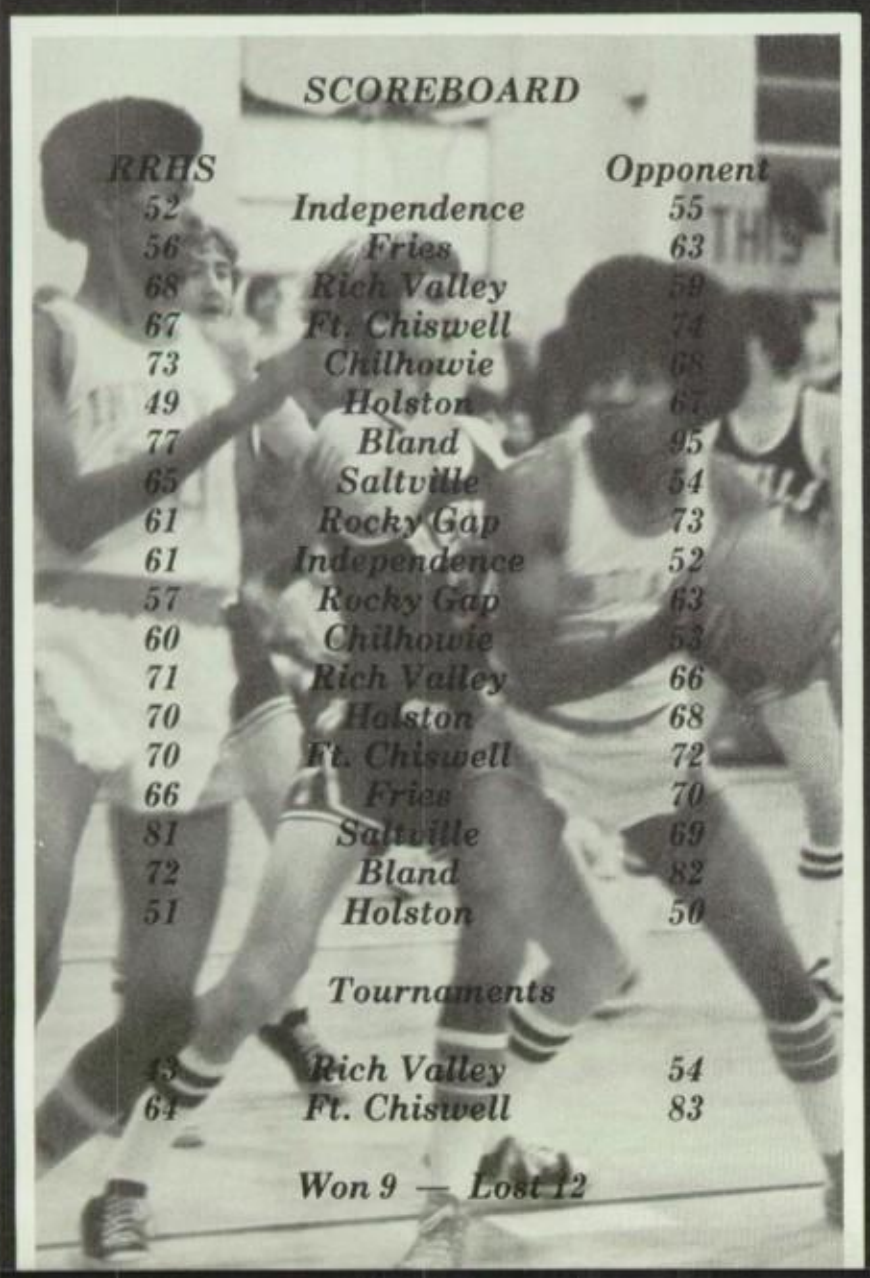
With the help of her teammates, Janie Brewster strives to make a basket.

. . . Hustling On to Victory!

The Indians ended up the season with a 9-12-0 record. They were ranked 8th in the Southwest Virginia Poll by the BRISTOL HERALD. Under the supervision of Coaches Branson and Lineberry, and team captains Mike McMillan and Colin Hanley, the team had what it took to be regular season district champs. By having a rugged non-district schedule, the Indians had the experience to beat Holston, a game which determined the season champs. Before an overflow crowd of 2,000, the Indians beat Holston (the run-off game) 51-50 in the "Hurricane House" at Marion High.

Struggling to obtain the ball, Greg Wood, Colin Hanley and Frank King show the determination that it takes to win.

Ready to demonstrate his backboard strength, Rodney Maxey waits for the opportunity to grab the ball.



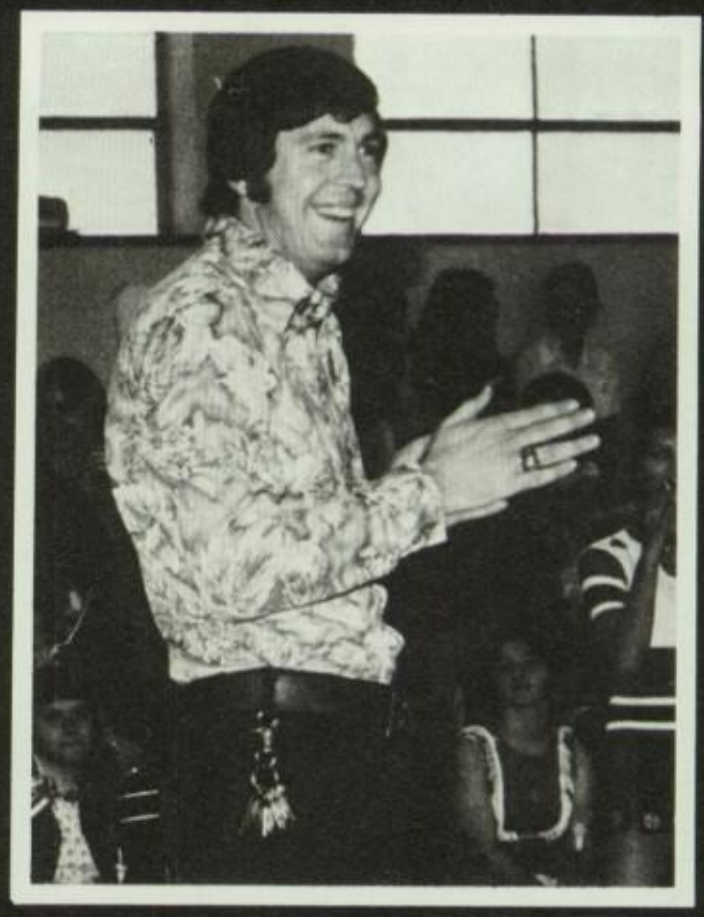
SCOREBOARD

RRHS		Opponent
52	Independence	55
56	Fries	63
68	Rich Valley	59
67	Ft. Chiswell	74
73	Chilhowie	68
49	Holston	67
77	Bland	95
65	Saltville	54
61	Rocky Gap	73
61	Independence	52
57	Rocky Gap	63
60	Chilhowie	53
71	Rich Valley	66
70	Holston	68
70	Ft. Chiswell	72
66	Fries	70
81	Saltville	69
72	Bland	82
51	Holston	50
	Tournaments	
43	Rich Valley	54
64	Ft. Chiswell	83

Won 9 — Lost 12

. . . We're Gonna Win!!

Stressing how important it is to back the team, Captain Colin Hanley speaks to Pep Rally spectators as other captains Billy J. Kinder and Mike McMillan wait their turn.

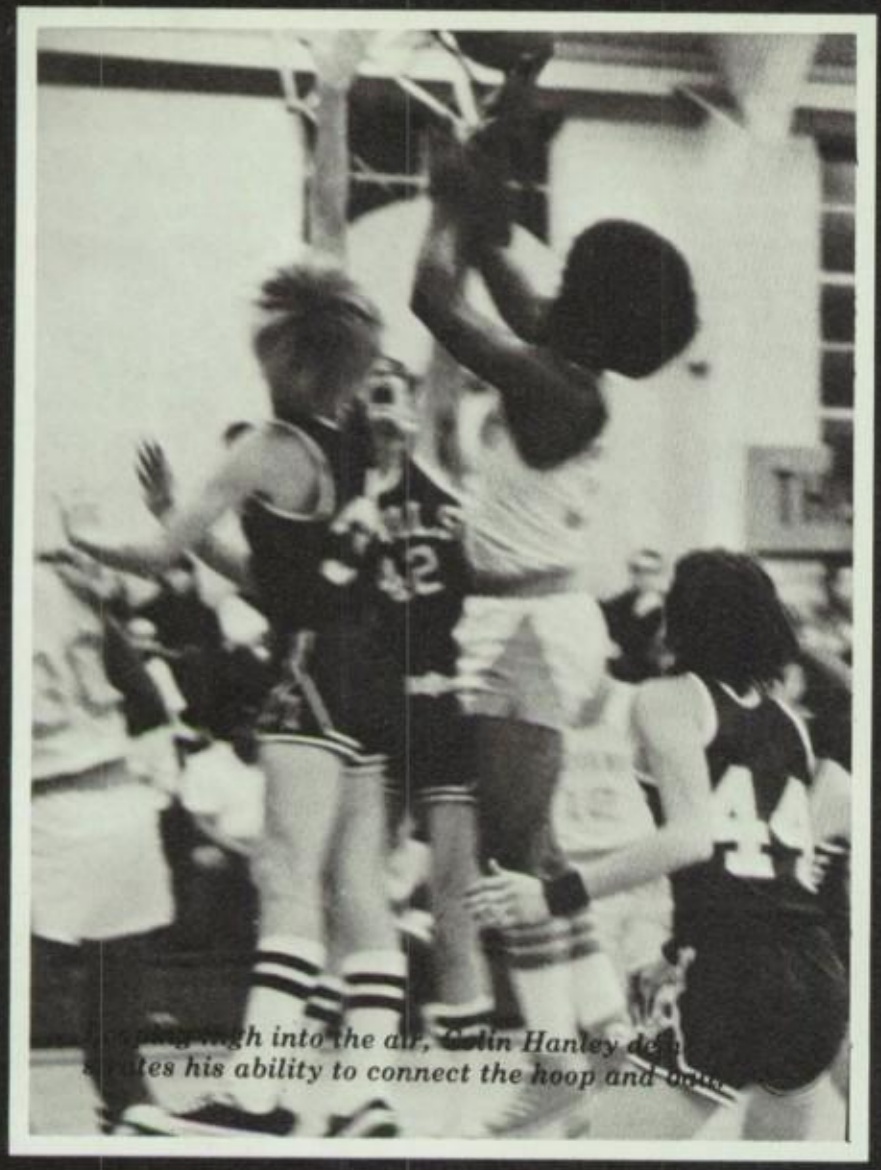


Portraying his confidence in the team, Coach Branson arouses the Pep Rally crowd with his easy-going attitude.

Intense concentration and determination are the elements that it takes to win.

Among the applause and the cheers, Indians make their entry into the gym.

In playing regular season games, the Indians record was 8-10-0. Fans and faithful supporters backed the team, even through their losses, with enthusiasm and confidence. The regular starters were: Anthony Boysaw — Center; Colin Hanley — Forward; Rodney Maxey — Forward; Greg Wood — Guard; and Mike McMillan — Guard. The team leaders were: Assists — Greg Wood; Offense — Colin Hanley; Defense — Rodney Maxey; Free-throws — Colin Hanley; and Rebounds — Colin Hanley. Colin also led the team in average points per game with an average of 19.5.



...gh into the air, Colin Hanley de...
...tes his ability to connect the hoop and ...

We Are District Champs!!!

By having an 8-1-0 district record, the team automatically advanced to the regionals. They did, however, play in the districts tournaments at Emory and Henry, but were defeated early in the first round by Rich Valley.

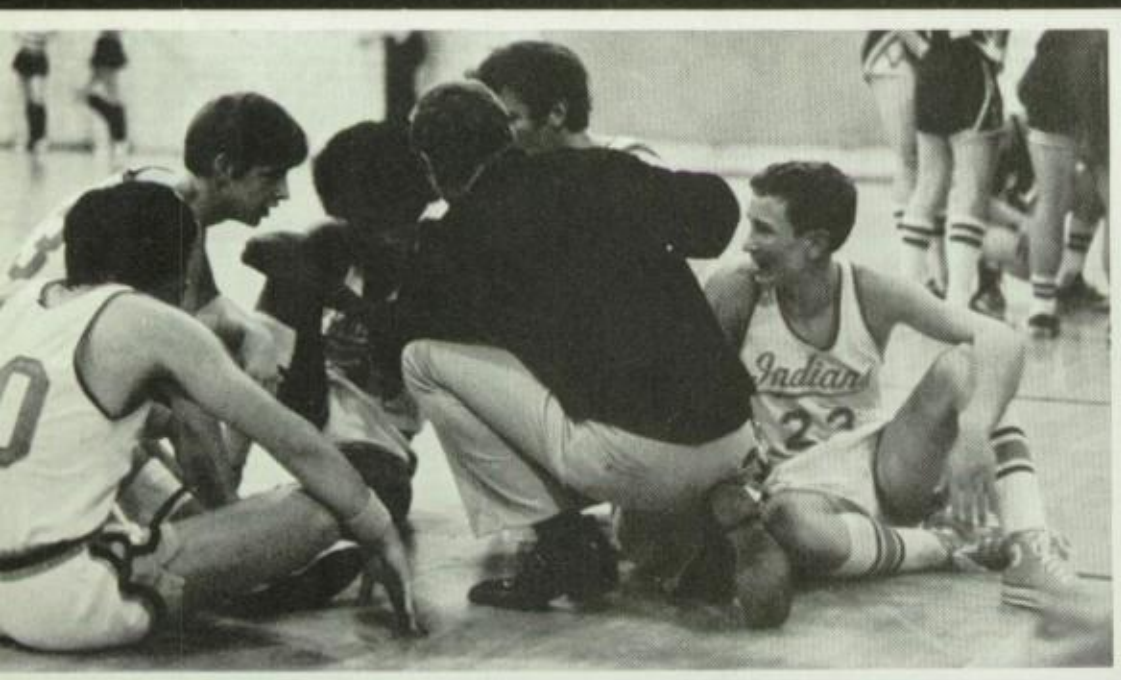
"The boys did a really good job and we accomplished a lot," remarked Coach Branson. "When it was necessary we responded to pressure and through hard work, we became more co-ordinated as a team. I am proud of it."

The big Indian team was defeated by Fort Chiswell in the first round of regional tournaments.

Members of the Indian team are: (First Row) Coach Branson, Frankie Reasor (mgr.), and Coach Lineberry. (Second Row) Tony Parks, Jerry Rhodes, Eddie Heldreth, and Mike McMillan. (Back Row) Rodney Maxey, Colin Hanley, Anthony Boysaw, Mike Hall, and Greg Wood.

J.V.'s Are District Champions

Coach Doug Bryant and his J.V. team played a fine game all season to have an 11-7 record. Two wins in the tournaments over Saltville and Chilhowie gained them the district title.



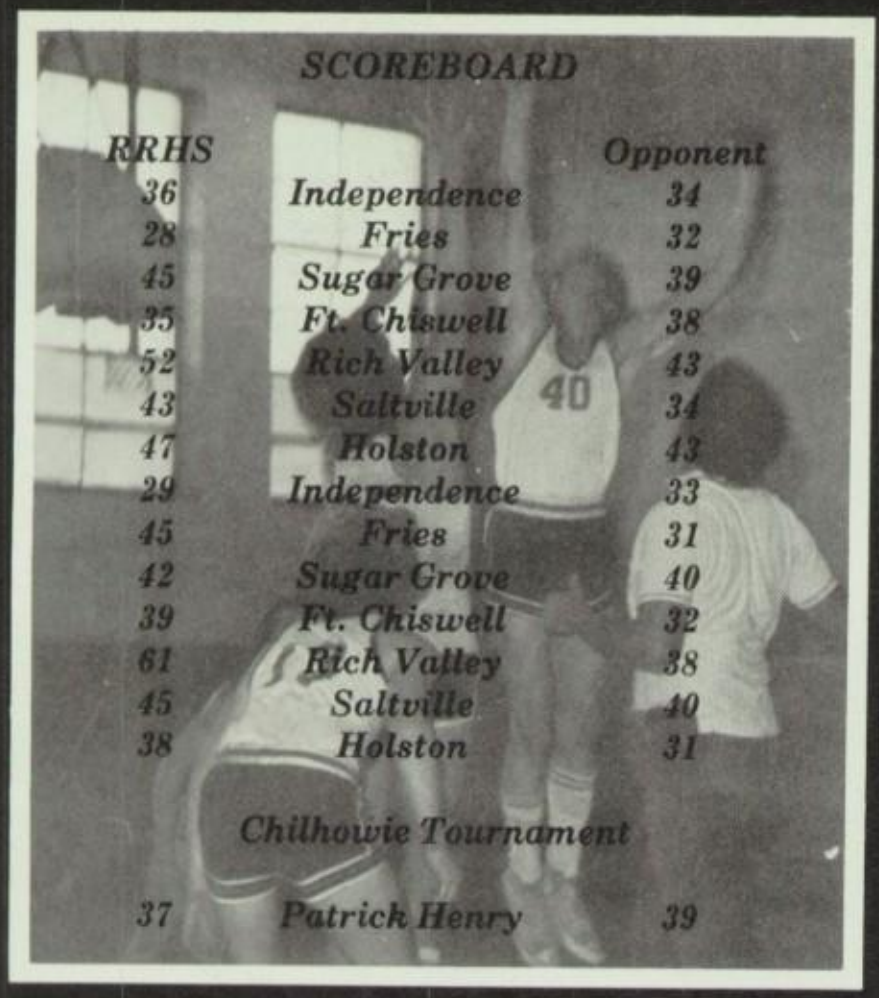
At the end of the first quarter in a game with Independence, Coach Bryant talks with his team.

Even when Billy Jo Kinder has to jump high, he and Anthony Stuart practice good defense.

SCOREBOARD

RRHS		Opponent
44	Independence	37
33	Fries	25
27	Rich Valley	20
42	Ft. Chiswell	44
39	Chilhowie	29
42	Holston	35
43	Bland	49
22	Saltville	31
34	Rocky Gap	33
36	Independence	39
56	Rocky Gap	41
29	Chilhowie	31
52	Rich Valley	35
52	Holston	43
38	Ft. Chiswell	40
61	Fries	40
47	Saltville	32
31	Bland	50
	Tournaments	
38	Saltville	29
31	Chilhowie	28

Won 13 — Lost 7



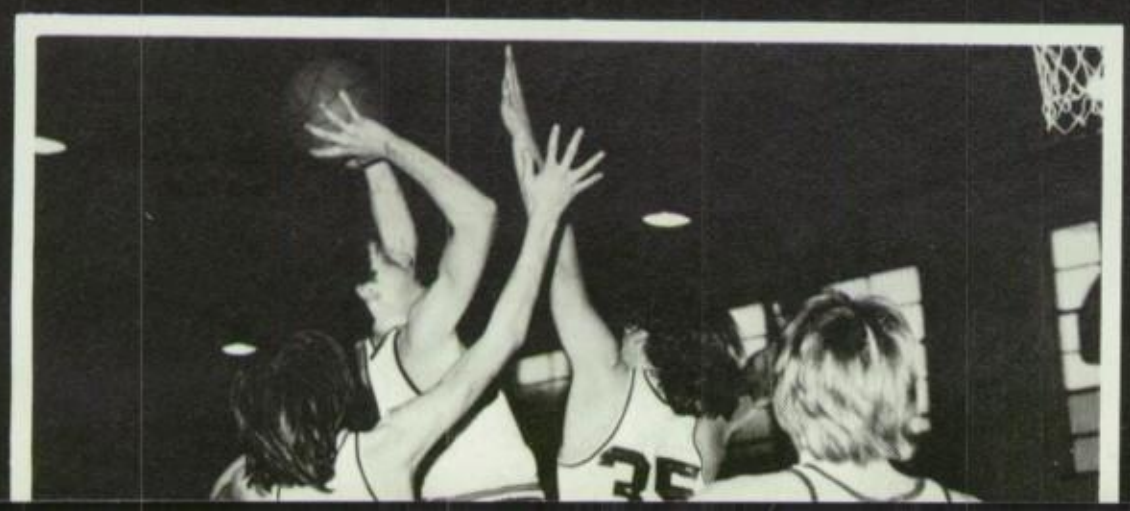
SCOREBOARD

RRHS		Opponent
36	Independence	34
28	Fries	32
45	Sugar Grove	39
35	Ft. Chiswell	38
52	Rich Valley	43
43	Saltville	34
47	Holston	43
29	Independence	33
45	Fries	31
42	Sugar Grove	40
39	Ft. Chiswell	32
61	Rich Valley	38
45	Saltville	40
38	Holston	31
	Chilhowie Tournament	
37	Patrick Henry	39

Little Indians Have Winning Season

The eighth grade team had a very successful year. With a record of 11-3, they advanced to the Chilhowie Tournament where they had a disappointing loss to Patrick Henry by only two points. One glance at their record indicates a highly successful year for the upcoming JV's.

Members of the eighth grade team are: (Front Row) Jeff Marsh, David Dunford, David Hall, Richie Hayes, Kevin Blair, Kenny Dunford. (Second Row) Mr. Thacker, Robbin Lowe, Allen Groseclose, Boyd Houston, Darrell Hackler. (Back Row) Mark Dutton, Bill Bralley, Claude Davidson, Darryl Bryant.

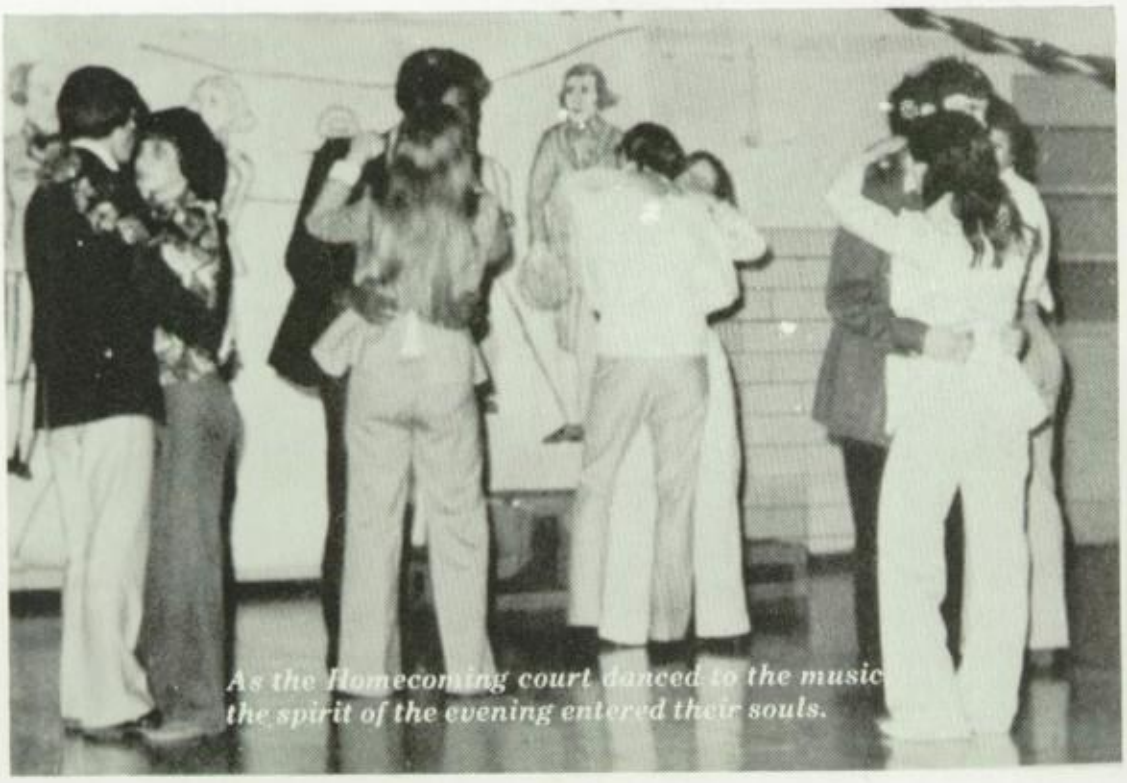


Bill Bralley goes up for a shot over the outstretched hand of his opponent.

Basketball Homecoming Dance

Coach Lineberry proceeded to crown the Homecoming court: Mike McMillian — King, Esther Kincer — Queen, Colin Hanley — Prince, Tammy Patton — Princess.

The Basketball Homecoming was celebrated with a dance co-sponsored by the Freshman class and the S.C.A. Music was provided by Genesis V.

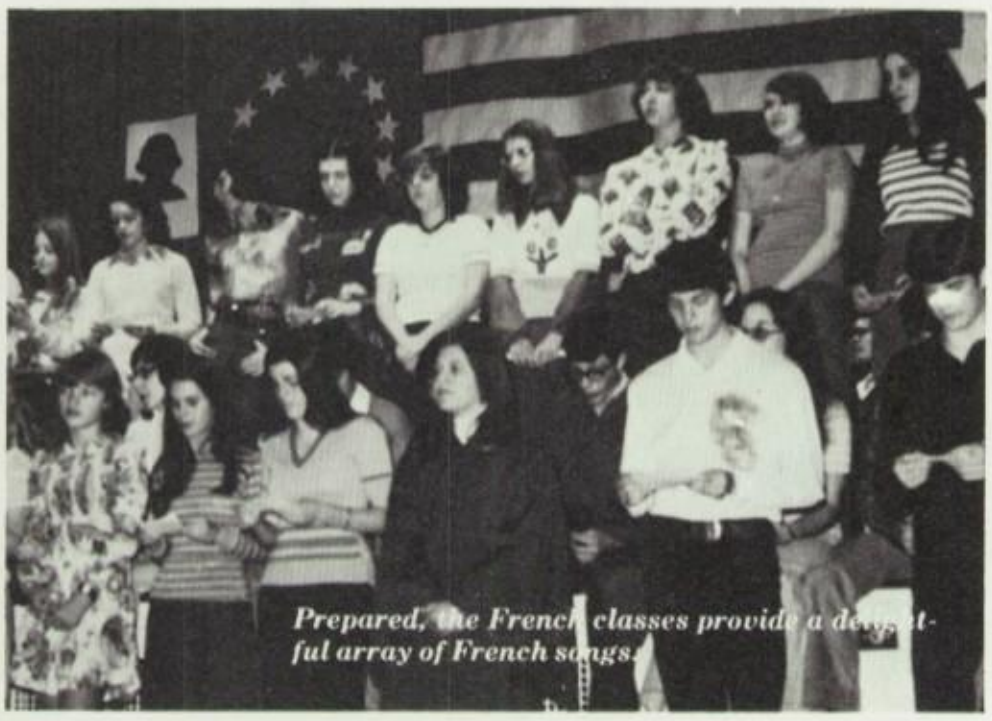


As the Homecoming court danced to the music the spirit of the evening entered their souls.

Donna Fulton and Veronica Loop look on as the dance proceeded through the night.

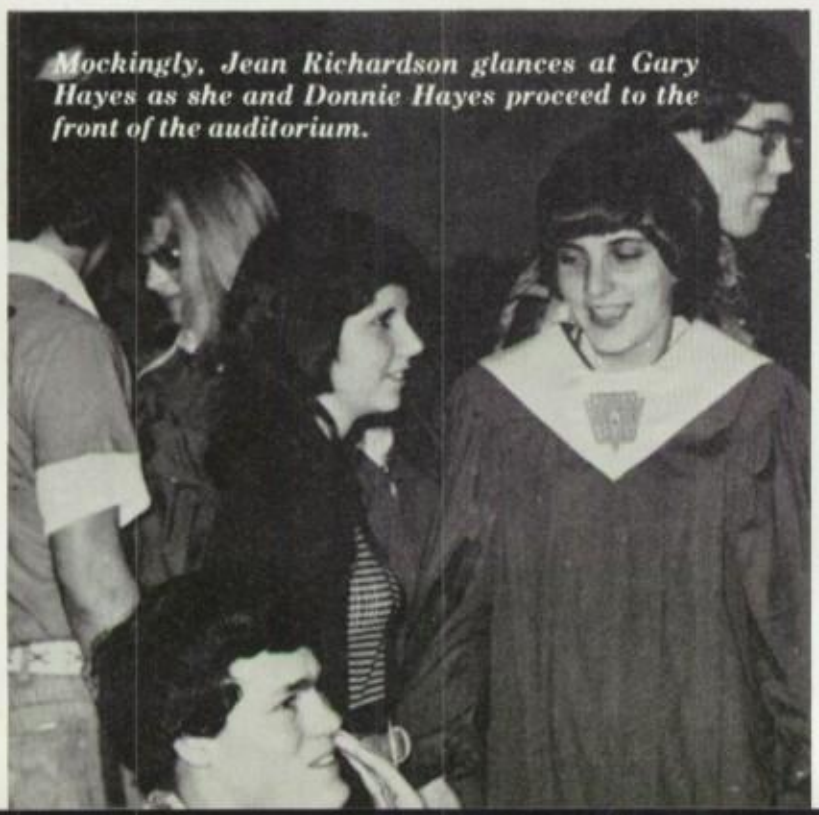
NHS Tapping Uses Bicentennial Theme

Opening the NHS Tapping Ceremony is only one of the many jobs of Mike McMillan as President.



Prepared, the French classes provide a delightful array of French songs.

Ellen Wright, Virginia Crockette, Donna Houston, and Jeff Bowling wait patiently for the NHS Ceremony to start.



Mockingly, Jean Richardson glances at Gary Hayes as she and Donnie Hayes proceed to the front of the auditorium.

The NHS chose a Bicentennial theme for their tapping ceremony. In the background of the stage was a representation of the original thirteen star flag. At each side of the flag was silhouettes of four former presidents: George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy. Mrs. Huddle's french classes sang four French songs for entertainment. The ceremony was closed by the tapping of twenty-three Sophomores, two Juniors, and three Seniors.

"Bus 23 — Second Load"

Dipping spaghetti sauce from a kettle is a steamy job for Lucille Sult.

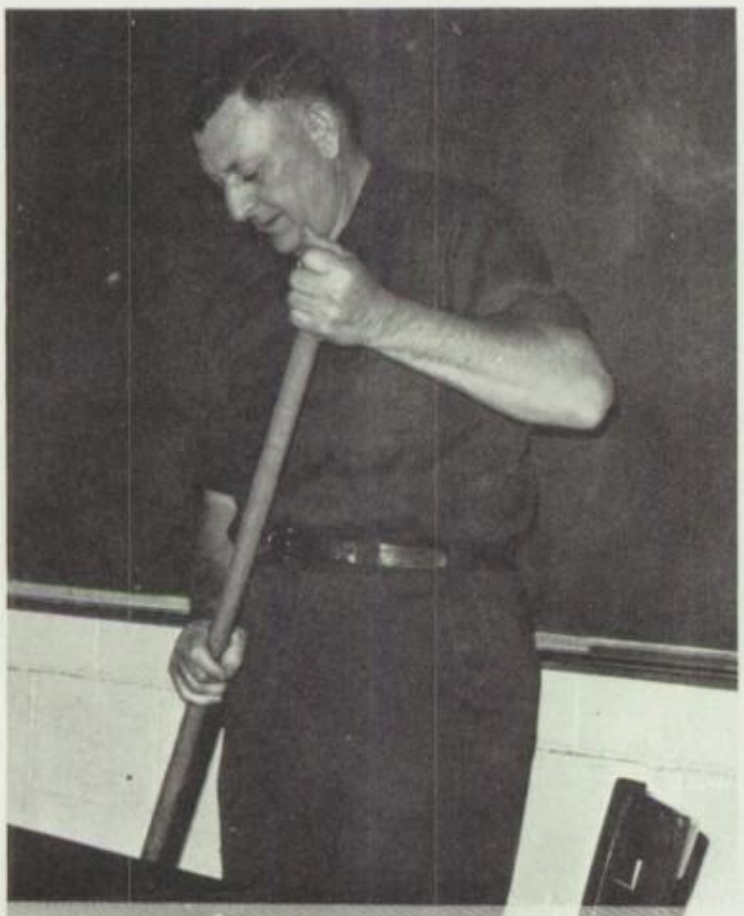
Mrs. Brown and Mildred Miller knead dough to make bread for lunch.

Lena Matney, Edna Kincer, Sally Musser, and Louise Walters prepare to make toss salad for lunch.

Hungry students enjoy a hot meal at lunch time.

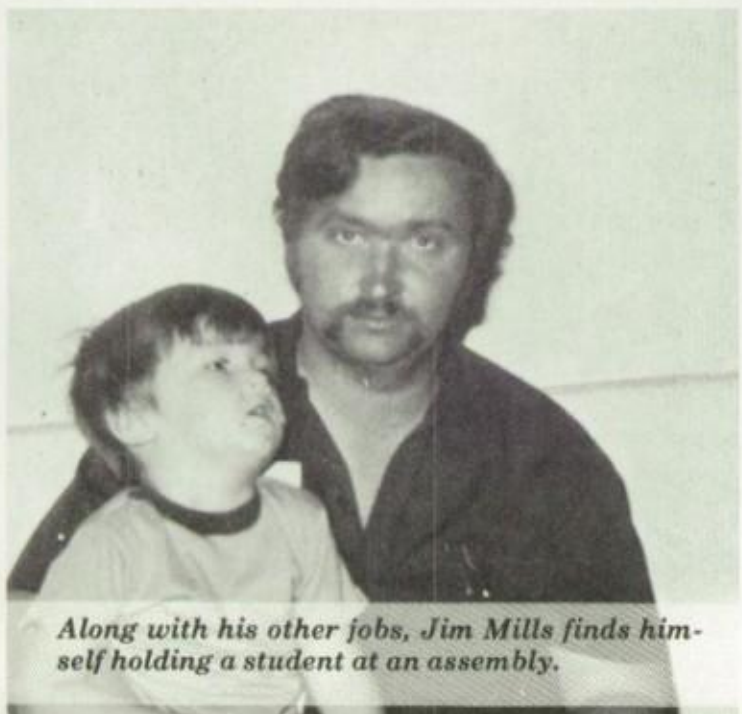
Bus drivers are Orman Hammond, Bud Fisher, Carl Vaught, Richard Bralley, Guy Buckley, George Grey, Mildred Whalen, Frank Blessing, Fred Etter, Charles Copenhaver, R. K. Grubb.

Along with the administration, it took custodians, a cafeteria staff and bus drivers to run the school properly. Custodians Bill Sage, Carl Vaught, and Jim Mills swept halls and rooms, vacuumed the carpet in the auditorium and mopped the cafeteria floor. Bus drivers brought students to school, took them home in the afternoon and provided such other services as driving football, baseball, basketball and field trip buses. The cafeteria staff served the students hot, nourishing meals every day. Without the help of these people, the school would not have run as smoothly as it did.

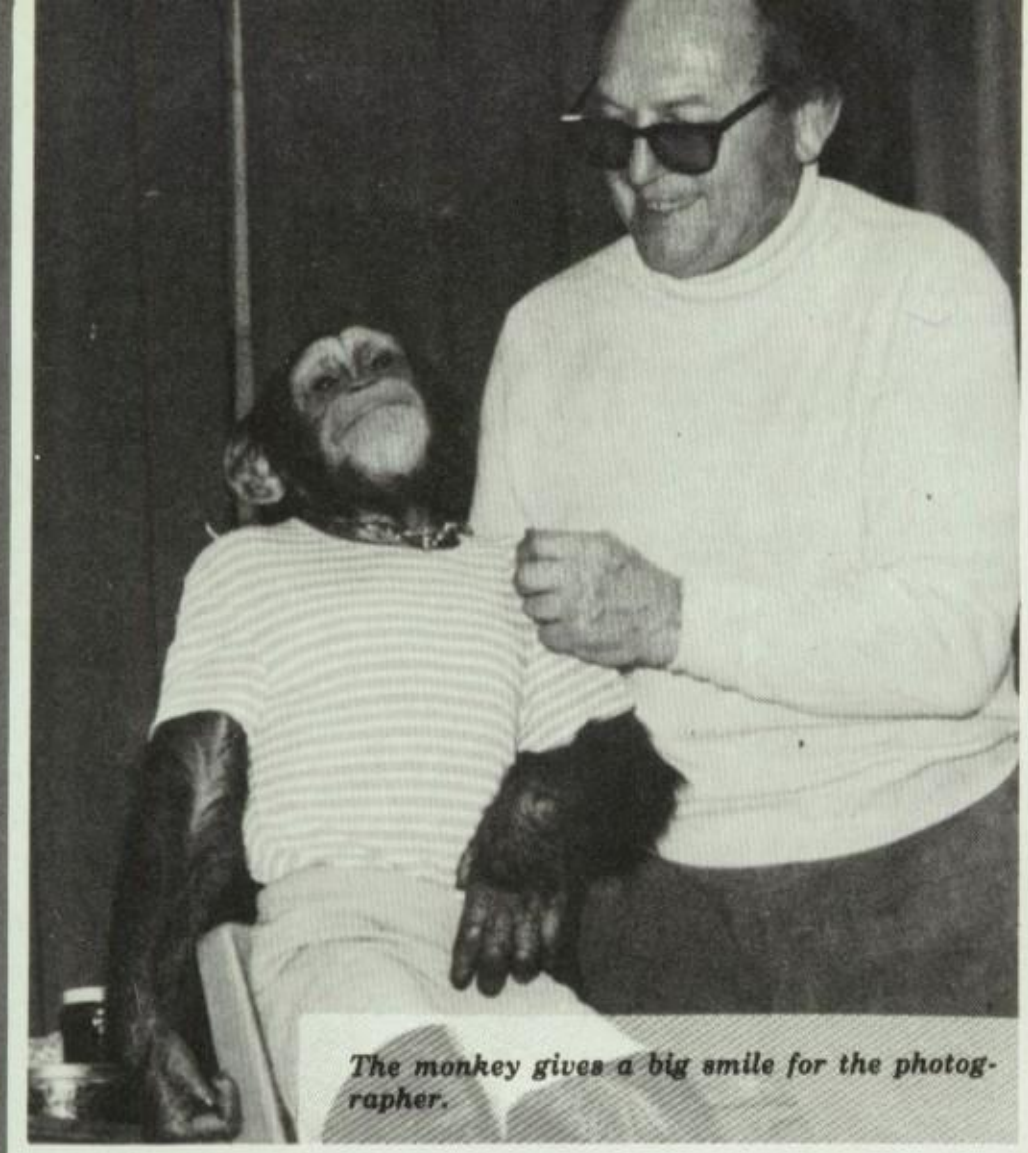


Bill Sage sweeps a classroom at the end of the day.

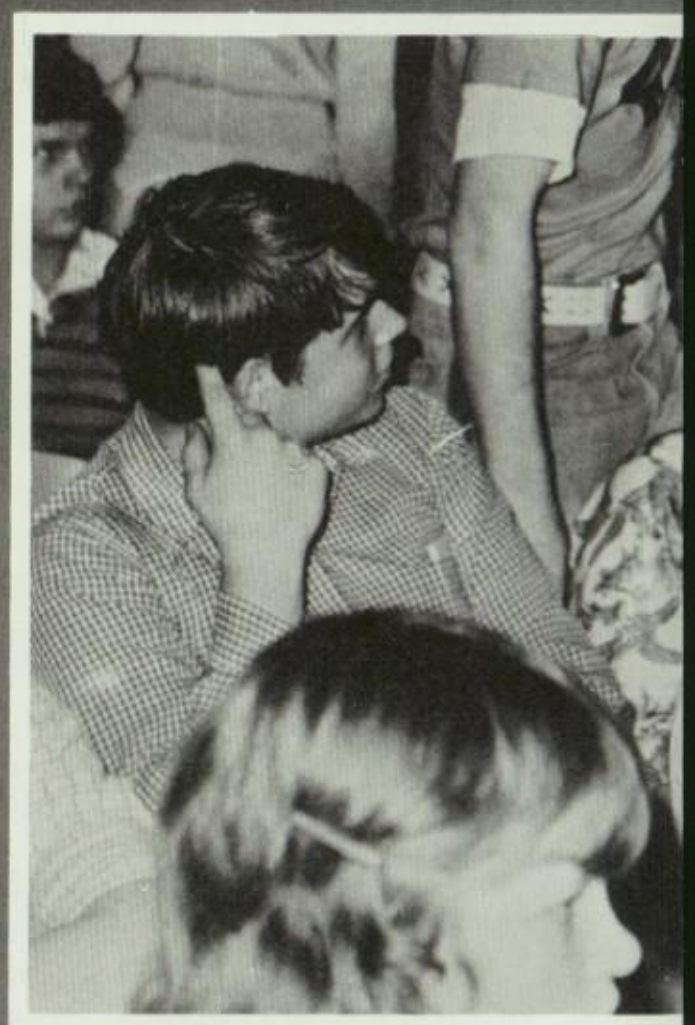
Allowing the broom to rest, Carl Vaught chats with students.



Along with his other jobs, Jim Mills finds himself holding a student at an assembly.

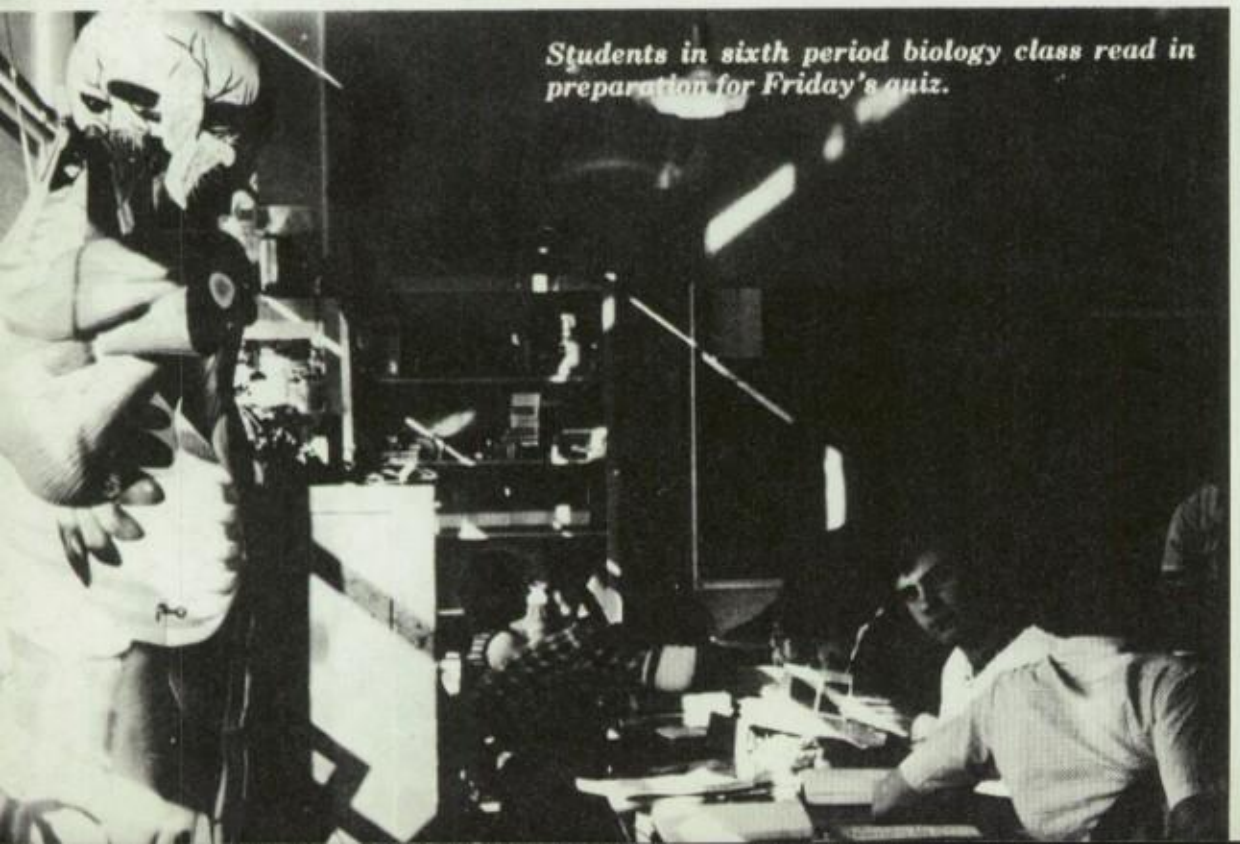


The monkey gives a big smile for the photographer.



The kindergarten class is spellbound by an animal show.

During a basketball game, spectators "enthusiastically" cheer their team on.



Students in sixth period biology class read in preparation for Friday's quiz.

Days Of Fun!

Students huddled in small groups in the halls before school discussing events just past and those coming up. During lunch many went outside while others went down to the lunchroom. Everybody was still talking about things they had done. Even after the bell rang at 3:00 many students remained. They were participating in extra-curricular activities. Spring fever and "senioritus" hung heavily in the air as the end of school came closer.

Sophomores anticipate being tapped into the National Honor Society.

Sam Grubb, Chris Wingate, Mike Gray, and Kevin Jennings file into the auditorium for an assembly.

Beth Johnson rests after playing in the tournament game at G.A.A. basket[illegible] intramurals.

Pieces of April

As the night of April twenty-seventh finally arrived, twenty-three girls realized that the weeks of practice would soon end. The last few days had been filled with anticipation and dreams of what was to come. Abundant smiles covered the nervousness as each girl walked before the judges.

The girls were escorted by Greg Wood, Johnny Brown, Ozzie Umberger, or Kevin Jennings.

Entertainment was provided by the Rural Retreat Quartet, Bobbie Tolley, doing a modern dance routine, and the Rural Retreat Stage Band.

The five finalists were: 2nd runner-up, Liz Porter, 3rd runner-up, Becky Brown, Winner, Janice Miller, 1st runner-up, Brenda Holbrook, 4th runner-up, Joan Staley.

A radiant smile is given by Janice Miller, the new RRHS Beauty Queen for 1976-77.

Master of Ceremonies, Keith Hoback stands with former Queen, Vickie Holbrook as she gives her farewell speech.

Finalist Liz Porter, Becky Brown, and Janice Miller receive their questions from Keith Hoback.

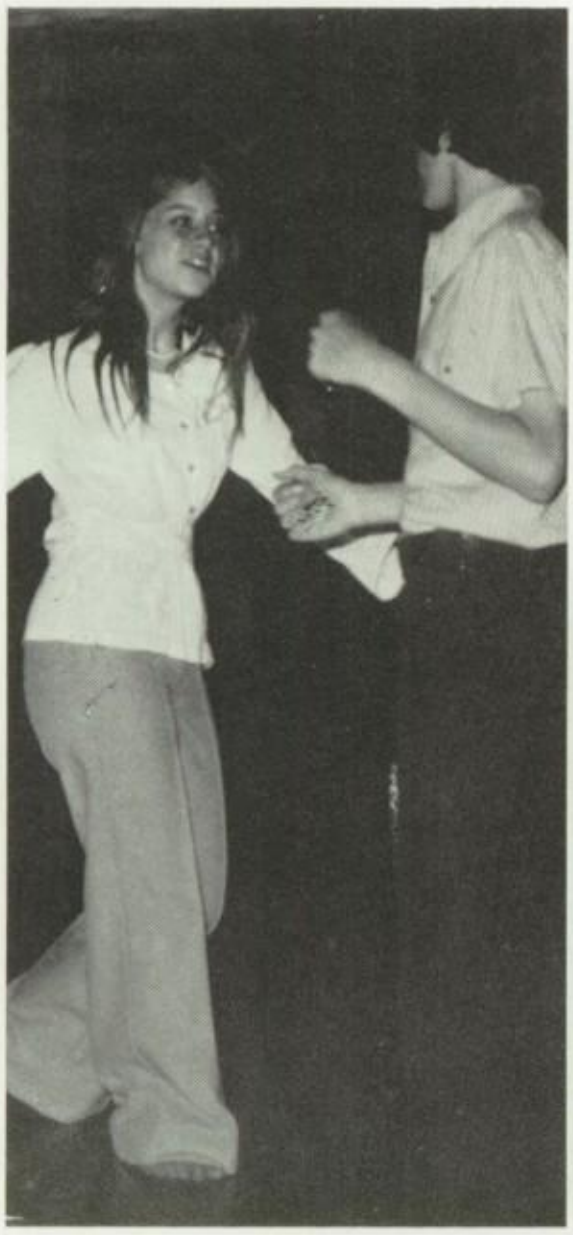
Judges find the decision to be a difficult one as they discuss the finalist.

The Rural Retreat Quartet, which consisted of Leisa Pack, Bobbie Tolley, Vickie Holbrook, and Chris Wingate, helped to provide entertainment.

In her own modern dance routine, Bobbie Tolly demonstrates a difficult maneuver.

Dream Weaver

Swinging to the new sound of "Boogie Fever" are Lisa Umberger and Charles Box.



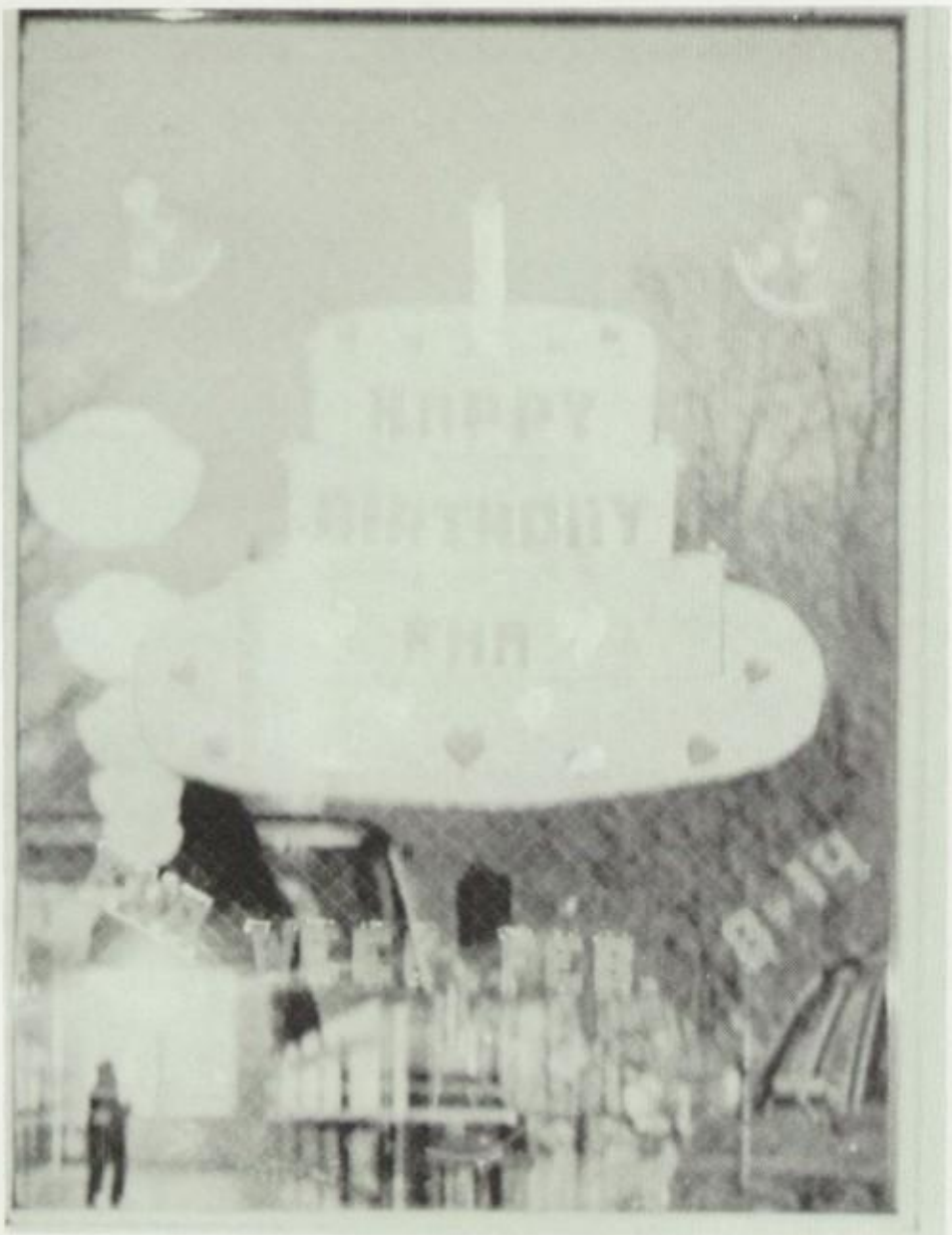
At night, when the stars go dim imagine seeing a fully decorated gymnasium of yellow and light blue, and a train encircling the whole gym with every eighth graders name inscribed on it. As the music grows louder you see many cheerful faces either dancing or talking to one another. Then you recognize the vivid image of a small man weaving dreams for everyone, as the song, "Dream Weaver," is lightly played to the end.

Having a good time dancing with Charles Box is the fun-loving, Mrs. Cassell.

Dancing to the beat of all the songs of today are Debbie Manuel and her partner.

To begin and end the most exciting night for the Eighth graders is a large, colorful train.

Happy Birthday, FHA!



February 8-14 was FHA Week. The organization also celebrated its thirtieth birthday. The Rural Retreat chapter observed the event with an after-school tea for the teachers. The front window and the door of the home economics department were decorated to commemorate the occasion. FHA members wore birthday cake pins during the week.

Everyone knows who's having a birthday when they walk into the building.

Busily eating her cake, Mrs. Arnold listens to Gus Nelson and Mr. Ely.

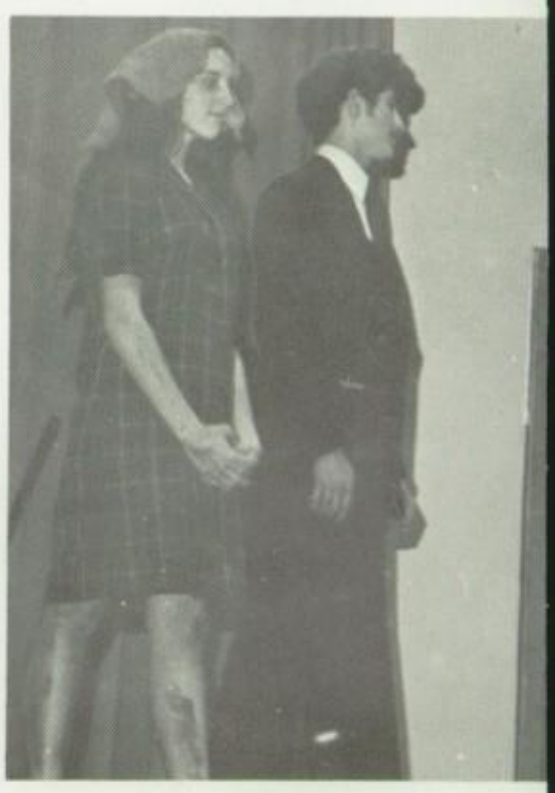
The English department — Mrs. Cassell, Mrs. Ely, and Mrs. Willis — enjoy the tea on Wednesday.

"We've Drunk Uncle Jacob!"

Seeking lodging for the night, Mrs. Vandemere (Susanne Ragley) and her son, Bill (Randall Hodge), stop at Maw's and Paw's (Doris Crouse and Paul Copenhaver).

Finicky Mrs. Booth (Pam Johnson) carefully surveys the plate of sandwiches Mrs. Ellis (Sally Vaught) has prepared.

Listening in disbelief, Charlie Brown (Willie Hall) reaches for the gimmick that the devil (Frank Box) promises will give him backbone.



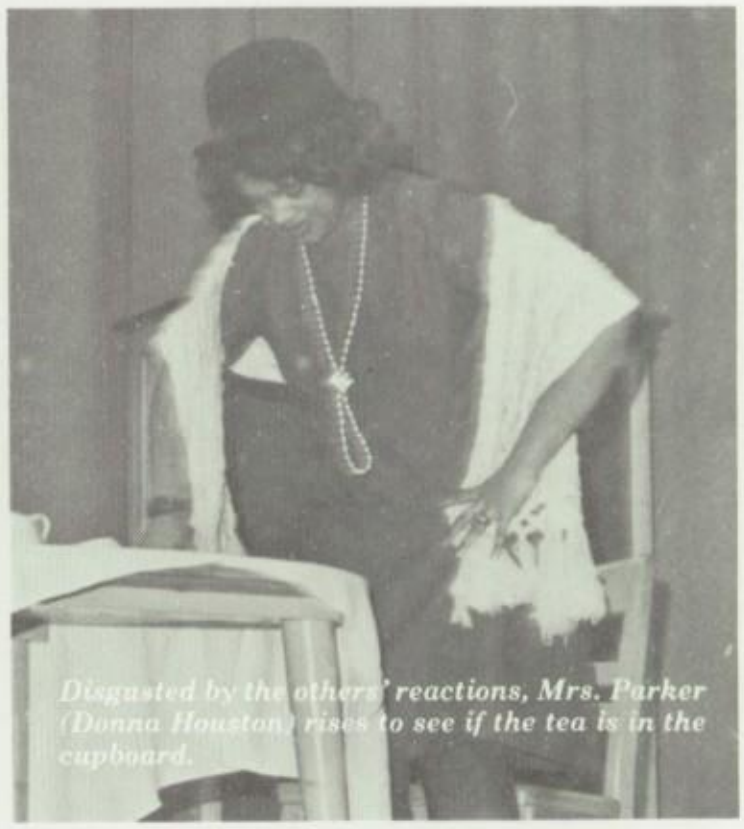
The Preacher (Wesley Grubb) starts to perform Snoddy's (Angie Jones) hideous wedding to Bill (Randall Hodge).

Before the work-day begins, Mary Barton (Debby Delp) uses some of Shirley April's (Melissa Sage) lipstick.

The cast of "The Gimmick" — Debby Delp, Frank Box, Alice Vaught, Melissa Sage, Willie Hall, Keith Hoback, and student director Jayne Hall — takes a bow at the curtain call.

Miss Starkie ([illegible] right), having one of her blind spells, is [illegible]ded by Mrs. Murgatroyd (Elizabeth Hagee) while Mrs. Booth (Pam Johnson) goes for the teapot.

The forensics one-act plays were presented to an elementary assembly and the general public on February 18. Student directors Jayne Hall, Juanita Sexton, and Sally Vaught worked hard with the play casts to produce "The Gimmick," "It's Cold in Them Thar Hills," and "Funeral Tea." "Funeral Tea" was chosen to be the contest play, receiving a superior rating in district competition. This was the first such recognition for Rural Retreat since 1963.



Disgusted by the others' reactions, Mrs. Parker (Donna Houston) rises to see if the tea is in the cupboard.

All that shy Zeke (Winston Whalen) says is "Duh!"

Four Students Advance To State

Rural Retreat led four other schools in the Hogoheegee District forensics meet at Chilhowie on February 14 with all participants placing. Ellen Wright, Jeff Bowling, Leisa Pack, Jeff Newman, and Melissa Sage placed first in their respective categories. Second place winners were Ricky Martin and Mark Groseclose. Allen Widner and Sally Vaught placed third. First and second place winners then advanced to the regional meet, which was held at Rural Retreat.

On March 6 at the regional meet, Leisa Pack placed first, and Mark Groseclose, Ellen Wright, and Melissa Sage placed second. This allowed them to compete in the state meet in Charlottesville on March 27. Mrs. Ely accompanied the quartet on the trip.

In one of her lighter moments, Mrs. Ely "hams it up" for the photographer.

Carefully reviewing their critiques, Jeff Bowling and Ellen Wright check the judge's remarks.

Students participating in the district meet are Melissa Sage — Extemporaneous Speaking, Ricky Martin — Spelling, Ellen Wright — Original Oratory, Jeff Newman — Extemporaneous Speaking, Sally Vaught — Poetry, Mark Groseclose — Prose, Leisa Pack — Prose, and Jeff Bowling — Original Oratory. Not pictured: Allen Widner — Poetry.

Juniors Climb To . . .

Sponsor Jack Dutton supervises as Tony Parks paints the mural.

Very carefully Bobbi Tolley makes final adjustments.

The 1976 Junior-Senior Prom was held on Saturday, May 15, 1976 at Seven Mile Ford Motel, in Seven Mile Ford, Virginia. This was the first time that the Prom has been held in a different atmosphere.

A giant mural with a scene of heaven and the theme "Stairway to Heaven" written at the top, brightened up the room with its pastel colors. ODYSSEY, a band from Elon College, filled the room with the top 40 hits.

Servers from the sophomore class served refreshments and gave guests their place cards along with "loving cups" as favors to remember the evening.

The Junior Class put a lot of hard work into the Prom. Junior candy was sold as their main money-making project. A special thanks goes to the Junior Class sponsors; Jack Dutton, Joseph Lineberry, and Pat Milgrim, for all their time and effort in making this event a success.

Jeannie Brewster, Lisa Spraker, and Bobbi Tolley are "preparing a brew" or "punch."

. . . Stairway To Heaven

Frank Williams, Bonnie Hale, Jim Hall, and Sheila Stuart, watch others dance while relaxing at their tables.

Many faculty members are engrossed in the environment of the younger adults.

Tommy Vaught, Lois Grubb, Chris Wingate, and Lisa King try their steps to a song played by ODYSSEY.

ODYSSEY, a band from Elon College, provides entertainment for the evening.

Even faculty members take time out to enjoy an evening with the students.

At Seven Mile Ford Motel, Winston Whalen puts string on the ceiling to hold up the decorations.

Students enjoy dancing to the top sounds of the band, ODYSSEY.

RRHS Athletes Are Honored

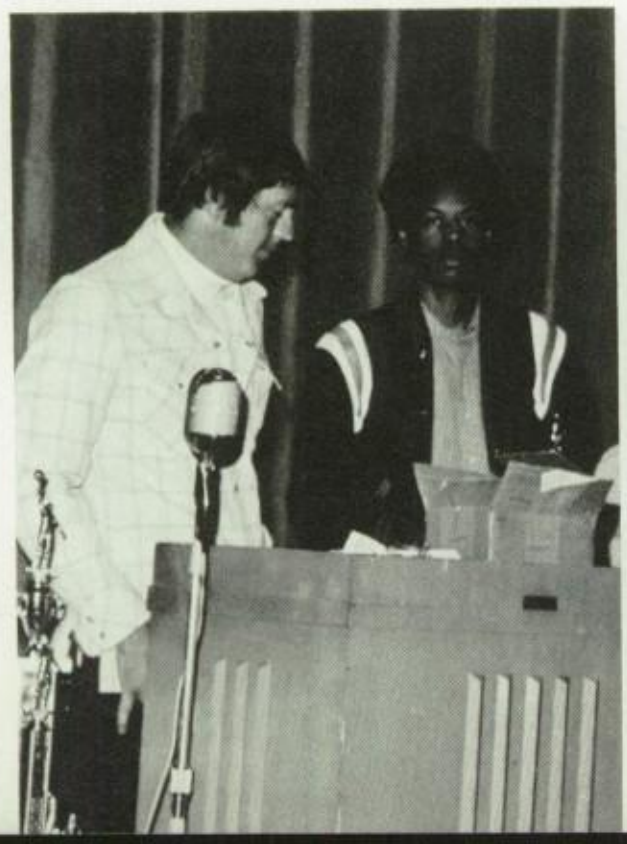
The Athletic Banquet and Assembly are held each year to recognize outstanding athletics in the school. On May 19, the athletes were given awards during activity period. On May 24, the annual banquet was held at the Holiday Inn in Wytheville. The guest speaker at the banquet was the head football coach at Ferrum College, Hank Norton. He spoke on the subject of pride and leadership in sports as well as the ability to play.

Colin Hanley, Eddie Hodges, Jerry Rhodes, Ricky Sharpe, Greg Sayers, Eddie Heldreth, Tracy Lindsey, Rodney Maxey, and Gerald Williams display trophies received at the Athletic Banquet.

Coach Lineberry hands Gary Alley his letter at the Athletic Assembly.

With smiles of happiness, Beth Johnson and Jean Richardson display their tennis trophies.

At the Athletic Assembly, Coach Branson compliments the basketball team on their district title.



Last, but not least, Randall Hodge receives his tennis award from Mr. Barker.

Elementary PTA Sponsors Fall Carnival

As Teresa Lester throws a wet sponge at Mr. Milton, other students wait their turn.

Ingenuity is the key that helps Shannon Orr get her teeth into an apple.

Elementary classes march off the field after being dismissed to see the balloons released.

The release of 2500 balloons launched the elementary PTA fall carnival on October 25. Balloon ticket sales, bake sales, rummage sales, an arts & crafts department, and various games, particularly the haunted house, combines to raise approximately $1100 to be used in the elementary school. About 200 of the tickets attached to the balloons were returned from 10 different states, the farthest ones from Williamstown, Vermont and Mabelvak, Arkansas. Elementary principal Mr. Steve Sage complimented the effort of the parents in making the carnival a success. "The 'P' in PTA was really big."

Girls' Tennis Team Advances To Regionals

The Girls' Tennis Team finished out the season with an 8-4 won-loss record. They defeated Holston in the District Tournament 7-2, therefore advancing to the Regional Tournament in Auburn. The girls lost to Wilson Memorial 7-2 in team play, while Jean Richardson lost 4-6, 4-6 in the singles championship, and Esther Kincer and Jean Richardson lost 4-6, 2-6 in the doubles championship.

Kathy Lyons finds out that warm-up jackets can be a pain, especially when Lisa King's does not make it over the fence.

Waiting for the next match, Pam Johnson and Coach Milgrim decided not to waste the time and improve their tans.

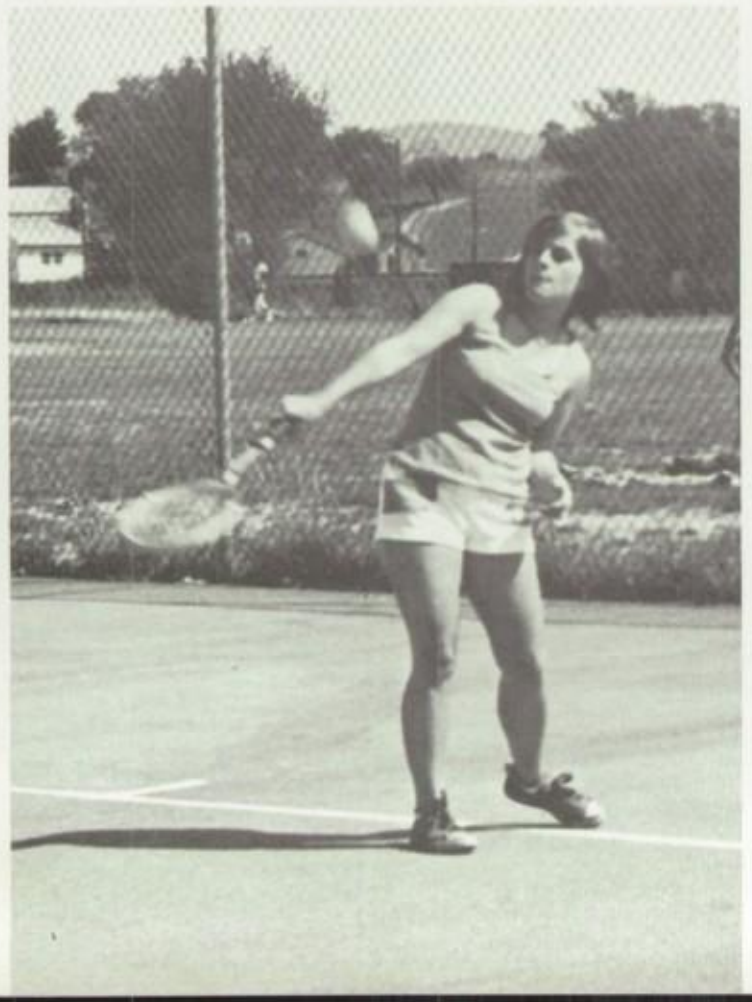
FRONT ROW: Diane McMillan, Kathy Lyons, Beth Johnson, Jean Richardson, Susie Kincer. BACK ROW: Janie Brewster, Tammy Patton, Esther Kincer, Coach Milgrim, Pam Johnson, Lisa King, Vickie Buck.

Esther Kincer uses deep concentration as she returns the ball.

SCOREBOARD

RRHS		Opponent
9	Fries	0
3	Bland	6
7	Holston	2
7	Carroll County	2
5	George Wythe	4
9	Bland	0
4	Marion	5
5	Carroll County	4
7	Fries	2
4	Marion	5
1	George Wythe	8
7	Holston	2

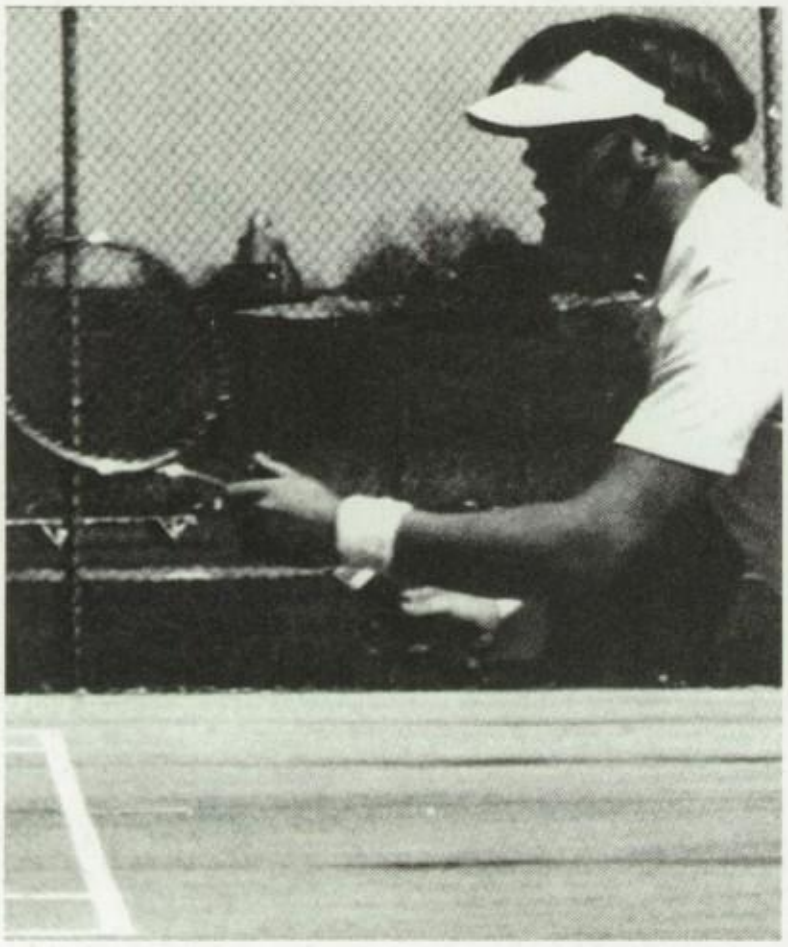
Won 8 — Lost 4

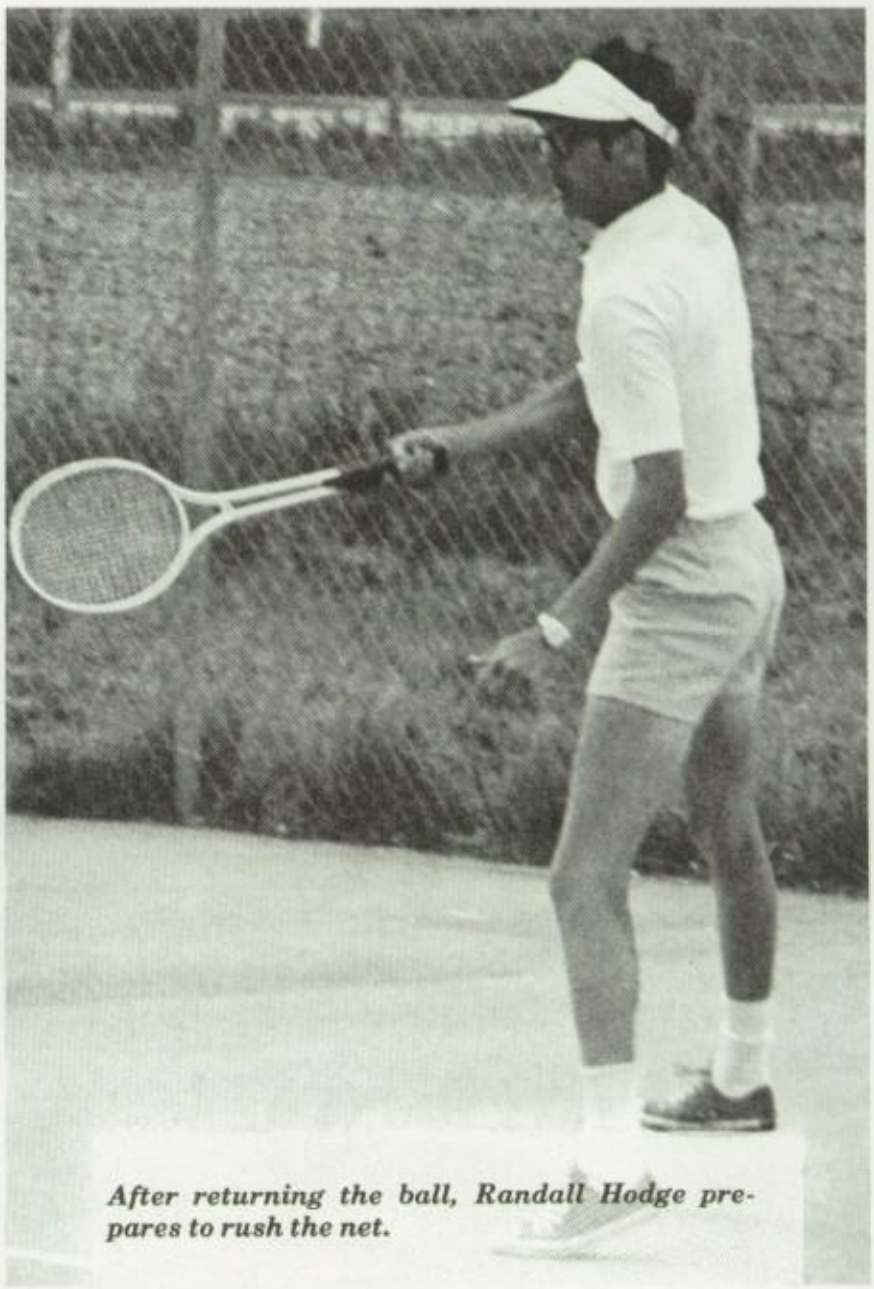


"It has to go over," is the thought of Diane McMillan as she hits the ball.

Boys' Tennis Team

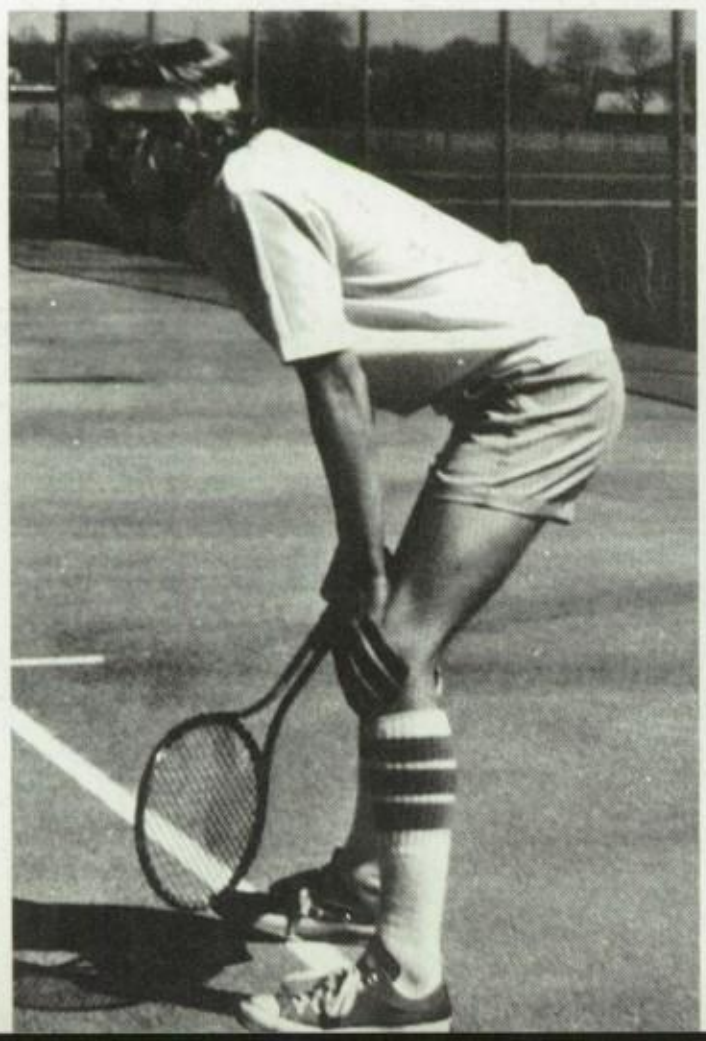
Prepared, Joey Smith waits for his opponent to serve.

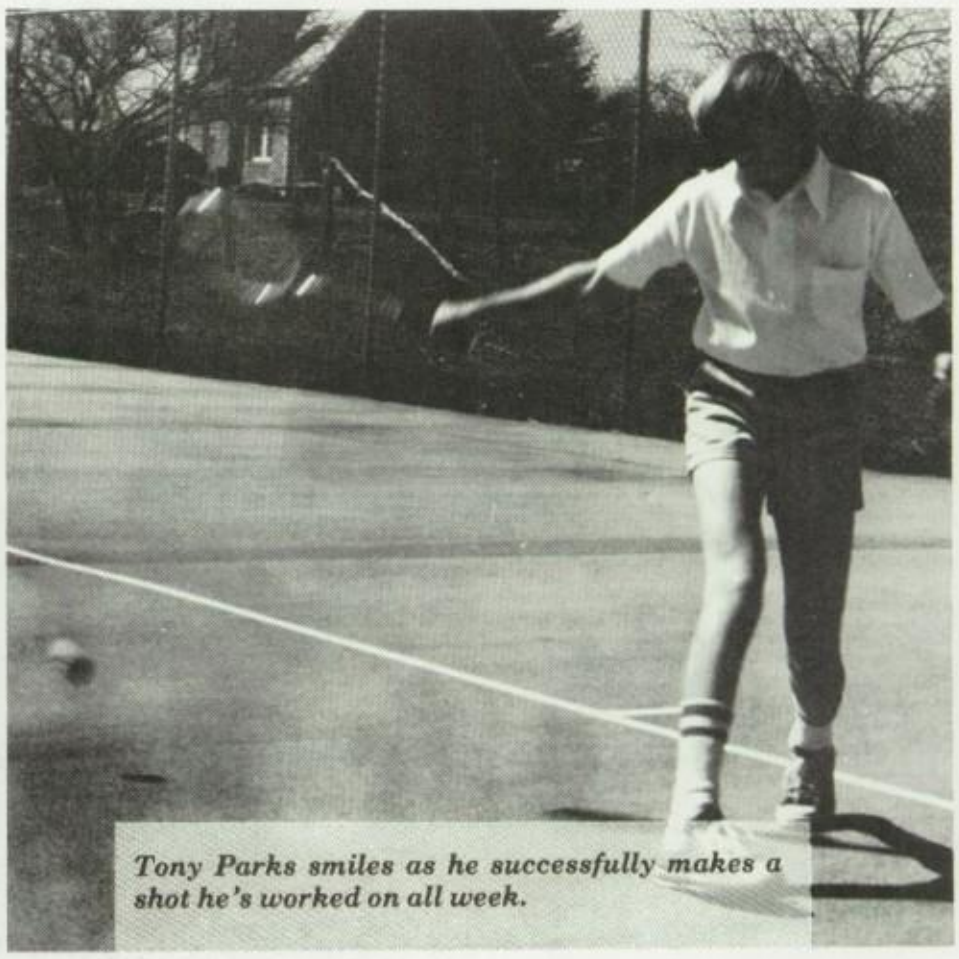




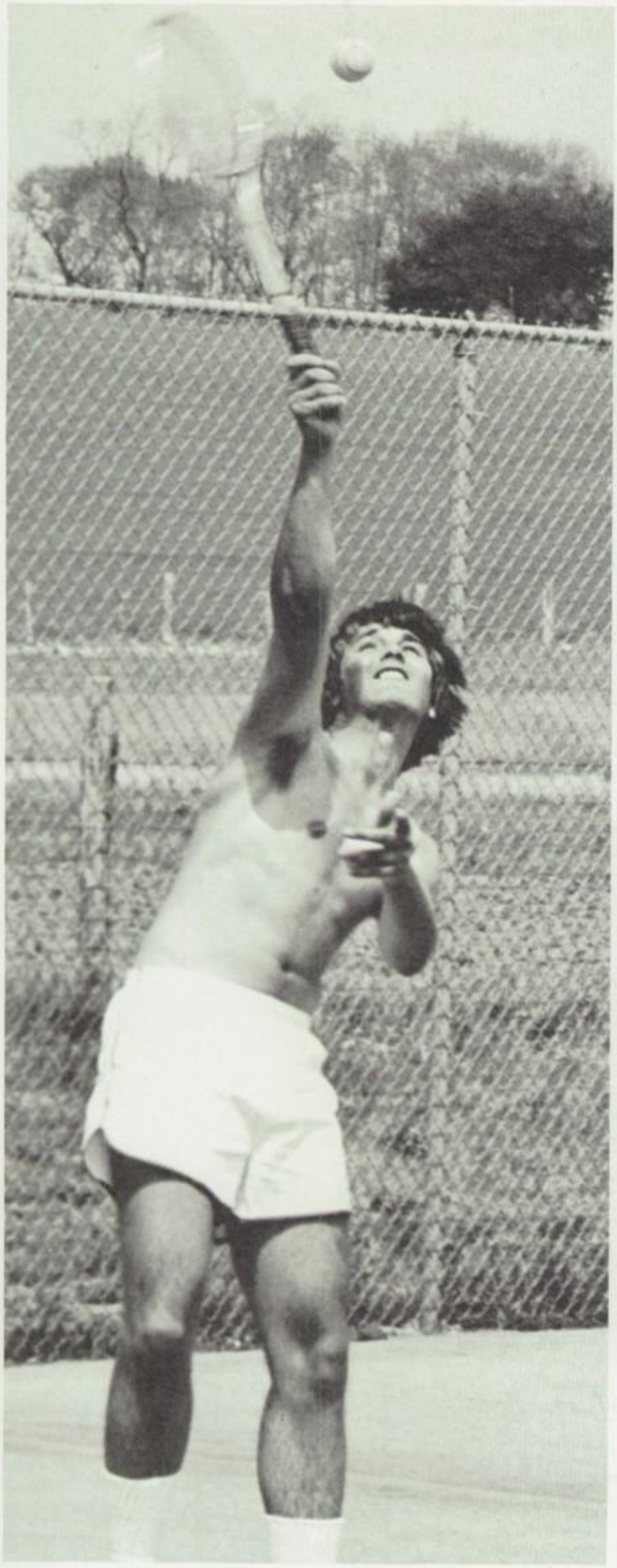
After returning the ball, Randall Hodge prepares to rush the net.

Randy Weddle concentrates on what his opponent is attempting to do.





Tony Parks smiles as he successfully makes a shot he's worked on all week.



Dale Waddell stuns his opponent with his serve.

The 1975-76 Boys Tennis Team completed the year with a 1-10 record. Although they were not very successful, they strived and worked hard. The singles positions were played by Dale Waddell (1), Tony Parks (2), Randall Hodge (3), Frank Box (4), Winston Whalen (5), Randy Weddle (6). Doubles teams were Dale Waddell & Tony Parks (1), Randall Hodge & Frank Box (2), and Randy Weddle & Joey Smith (3).

The 1975-76 Boys Tennis Team was as follows: (Front Row) Randy Weddle, Billy Box—Manager, Winston Whalen, Randall Hodge, Tony Parks. (Back Row) Joey Smith, Frank Box, Dale Waddell, Mr. Barker—Coach.

SCOREBOARD

RRHS		*Opponent*
0	*Holston*	*9*
0	*Fries*	*9*
4	*Patrick Henry*	*5*
0	*Fries*	*9*
1	*Marion*	*8*
2	*Bland*	*7*
0	*Holston*	*9*
3	*Bland*	*6*
5	*Patrick Henry*	*4*
3	*Holston*	*6*
0	*Marion*	*9*

Won 1 — Lost 10

Keep On Running Boys!!!

Demonstrating his unique ability at broad jumping, Greg Wood obtains the desired measurement.

Chris Wingate gracefully sails over the hurdles with skill.

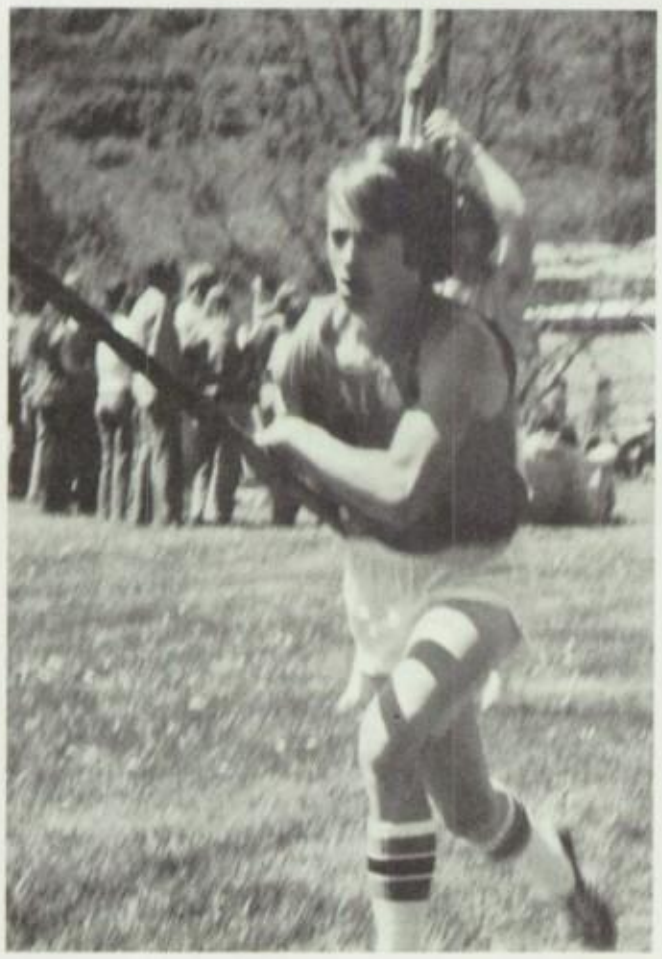
Members of the track team are: (Front Row) Warren Six, Jamie Parks, Charles Burkett, Frank Reasor, Darell Jones, Donald Burton, Craig VanAntwerpt, and Charles Wright. (Middle Row) Coach Lineberry, Coach Branson, Bryan Loop, Rodney Maxey, Chris Wingate, Mike Gray, Sam Grubb, Dennis Roberts, Jimmy Cox, Tracy Lindsey. (Back Row) Wesley Grubb, Gary Alley, Gregg Wood, Ricky Rhodes, Mike Kinder, David VanAntwerpt, Angelo Boysaw, Anthony Boysaw, Colin Hanley.

Rodney Maxey adorned the sidelines at Saltville due to an injured foot and was not able to participate in any events.

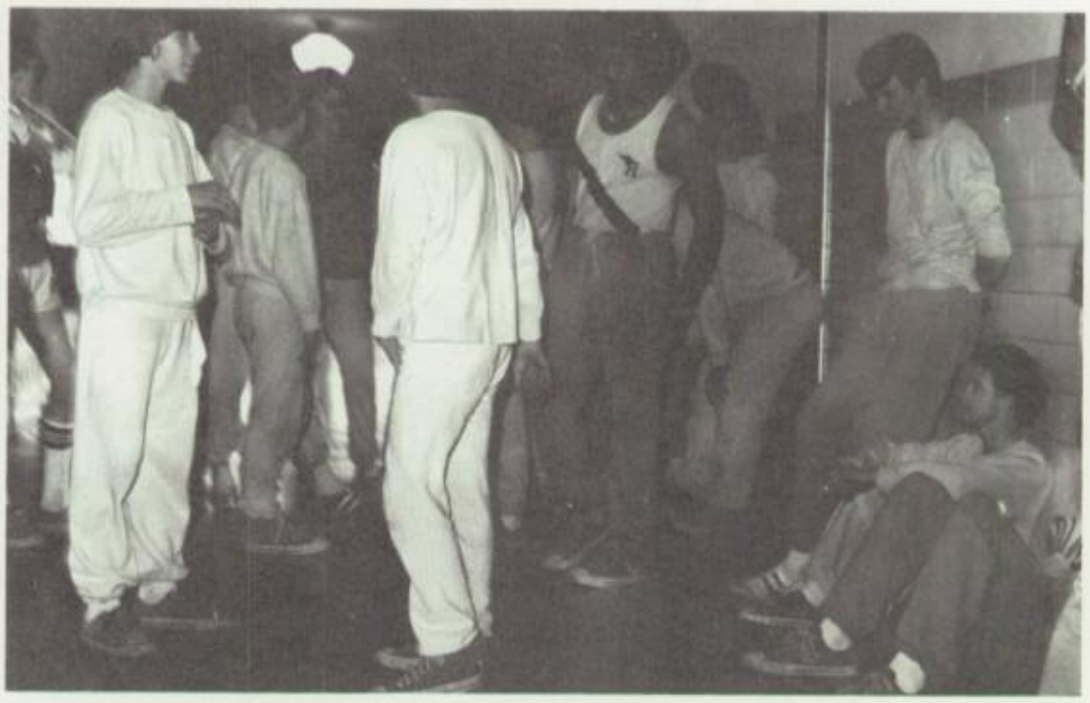
This year's track team consisted mainly of young boys. It was a year of rebuilding, but overall, the players put a lot of hard work and effort into the making of the team. "This year's efforts will show up in the near future," commented Coach Branson.

Competition for the Indians were Holston, Saltville, Rich Valley, Chilhowie, and Auburn. Those attending regionals in Lexington, Virginia were: Colin Hanley, Dave VanAntwerpt, and Gary Alley. They were accompanied by Coaches Branson and Lineberry.

Relaxing before the meet, Tracy Lindsey lets his mind ponder on how well he will do in the next event.



Moving on down, Jamie Parks prepares to pole vault.



Before leaving for a meet, members of the team contemplate how well each is going to do.

(Front Row) Tracy Lindsey, Mike McMillan, B. J. Kinder, Keith Hoback, Jerry Rhodes, James Parks, Rickey Rhodes. (Back Row) Jim Mills — Assistant Coach, Jimmy Crigger — Manager, Rickey Bass, Mike Whalen, Greg Wood, Stephen Kincer, Robin Thacker — Coach.

B. J. Kinder tries in vain to achieve an out as the ball arrives too late.

Baseball Team Beats Fort Chiswell

The baseball team was very inexperienced this year. Although the team won only one game against Fort Chiswell, Coach Thacker thinks next year looks very promising because most of the players will be coming back.

Two of the seniors received trophies for their outstanding performances in the playing season. Keith Hoback received the Coaches' Award. Mike McMillan received Most Valuable Player Award. Although the team did not win many games there is always another year to try again.

Ricky Bass gives a sigh of relief as he reaches home base.

As Tracy Lindsey races to first base, he is thinking, "I have got this one."

SCOREBOARD

RRHS		Opponent
6	Fries	7
0	Fort Chiswell	6
1	Fries	15
0	Christiansburg	9
2	Chilhowie	8
6	Rich Valley	10
6	Saltville	15
1	Rich Valley	7
3	Chilhowie	6
5	Fort Chiswell	1
5	Saltville	9
5	Holston	6
4	Holston	6
2	Christiansburg	5

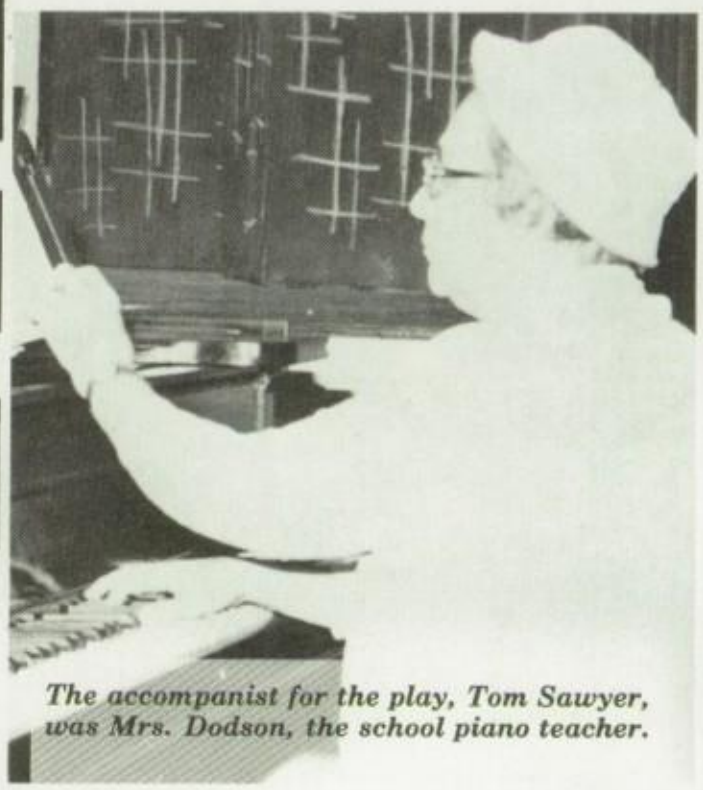
Won 1 — Lost 13

Tom Sawyer

Members of the girls and mixed chorus performed the story of Tom Sawyer. The play was about Tom Sawyer a young boy, and the adventures that he had with his friends: Huck Finn, Joe Harper, Billy Fisher, Ben, Johnny, and of course, his girl friend, Becky Thatcher. The play starts with Tom and his Aunt Polly, and it finally ends with Tom and Huck coming back from their adventures and staying forever.

"Who Likes to Wash Up and Dress Up?" asks Huck Finn (Jay Pugh) to Sid (Ramona Bartee) and the boys. I wonder, do you?

What kind of mischief is Tom and Huck up to now? If only the old men (Mary Vipperman, Susan Stuart and Tammy Grubb) could get their hands on 'em now.

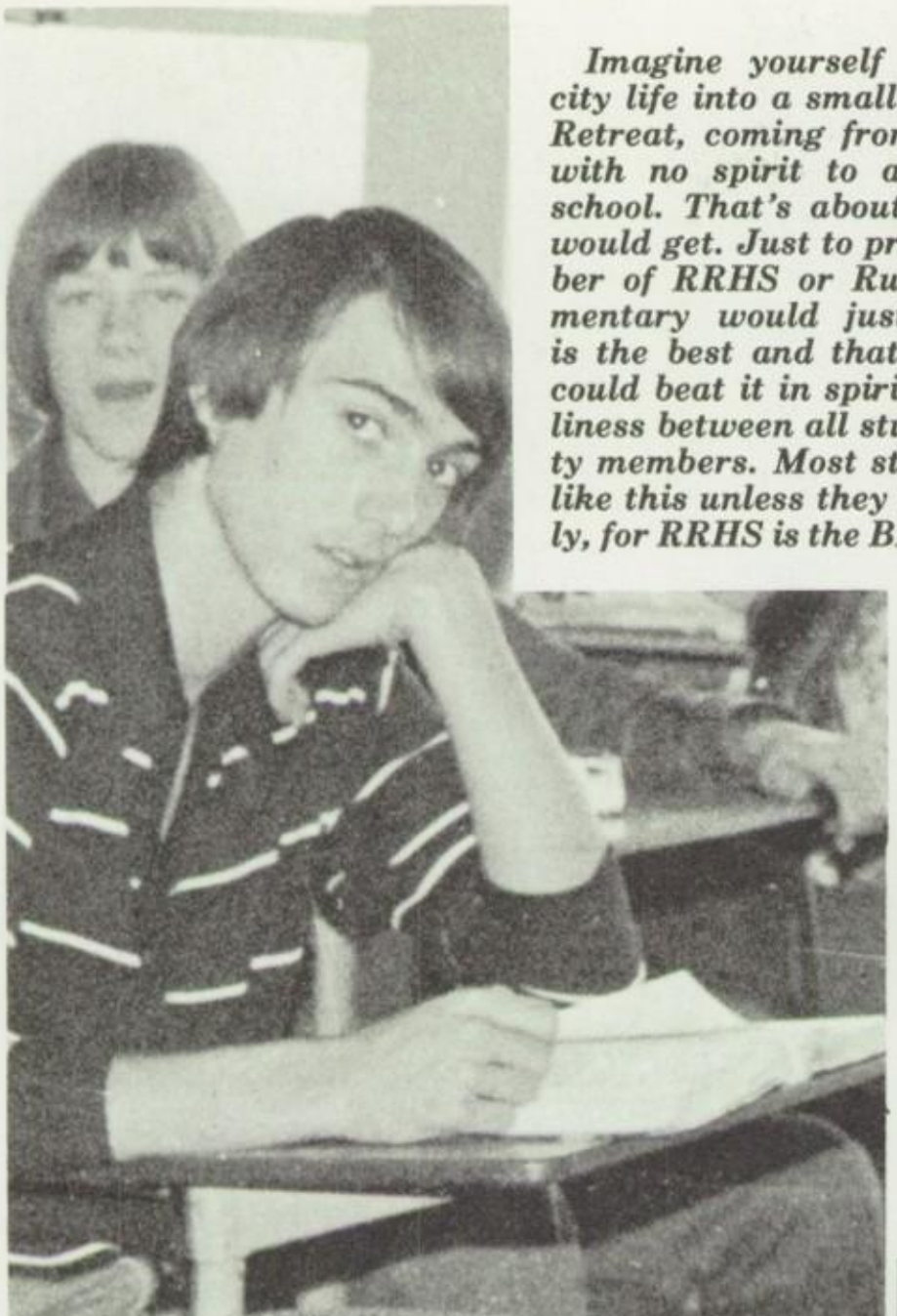


The accompanist for the play, Tom Sawyer, was Mrs. Dodson, the school piano teacher.

The honorable Rev. Walters (Ray Burris) and Judge Thatcher (Jerry Gray) think they're going to present a book to a very industrious boy named Sidney, or do they?

Can a sunflower or maybe four sunflowers change Tom's mind to forget Becky for Amy?

Imagine yourself coming from a city life into a small town like Rural Retreat, coming from a large school with no spirit to a small, spirited school. That's about the feeling you would get. Just to prove it, any member of RRHS or Rural Retreat Elementary would justify that RRHS is the best and that no other school could beat it in spirit, ego, or friendliness between all students and faculty members. Most students' lives are like this unless they view it differently, for RRHS is the BEST!



Is it hard to concentrate Greg Wood? I wonder what is taking your mind off that book?

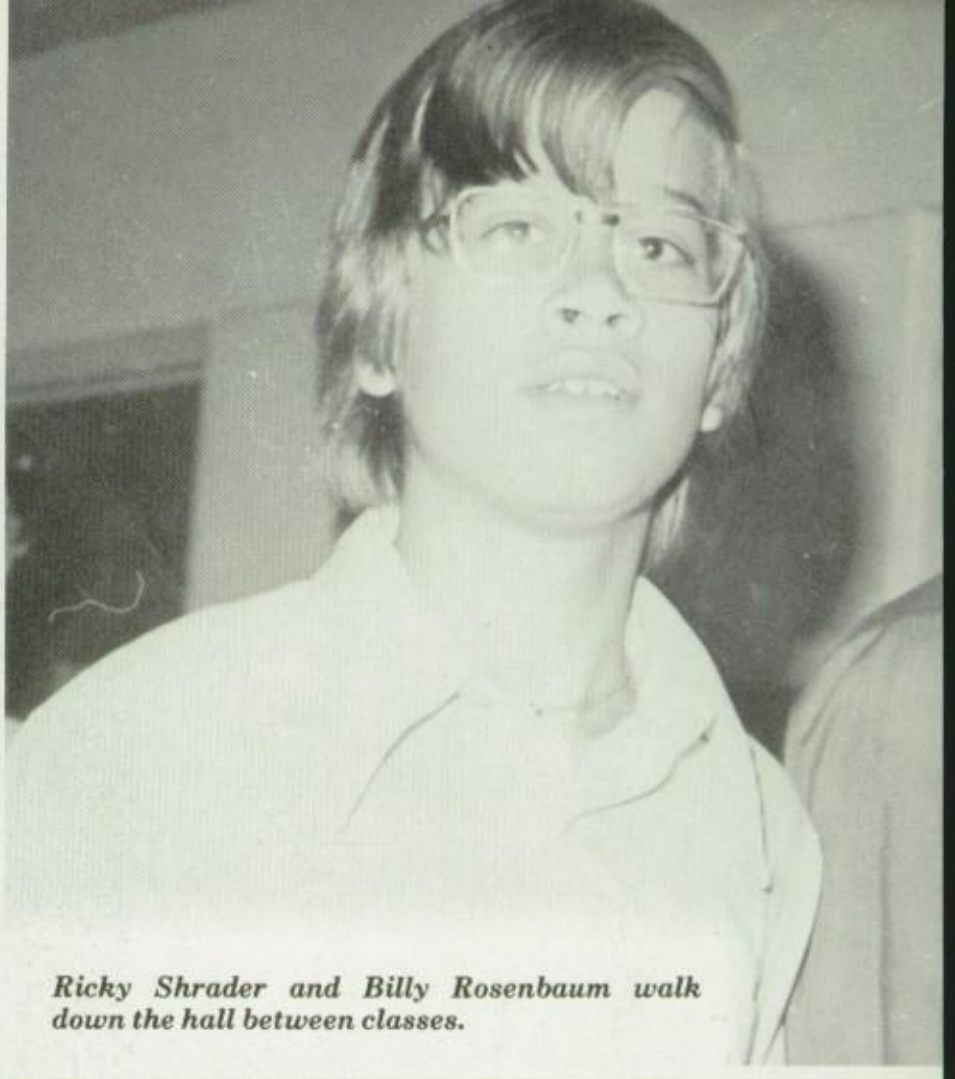
During his free time Mr. Dutton makes a call home to check on the wife.

And they are off. Red is in the lead; no it is blue, and the loser is Mr. Sage.

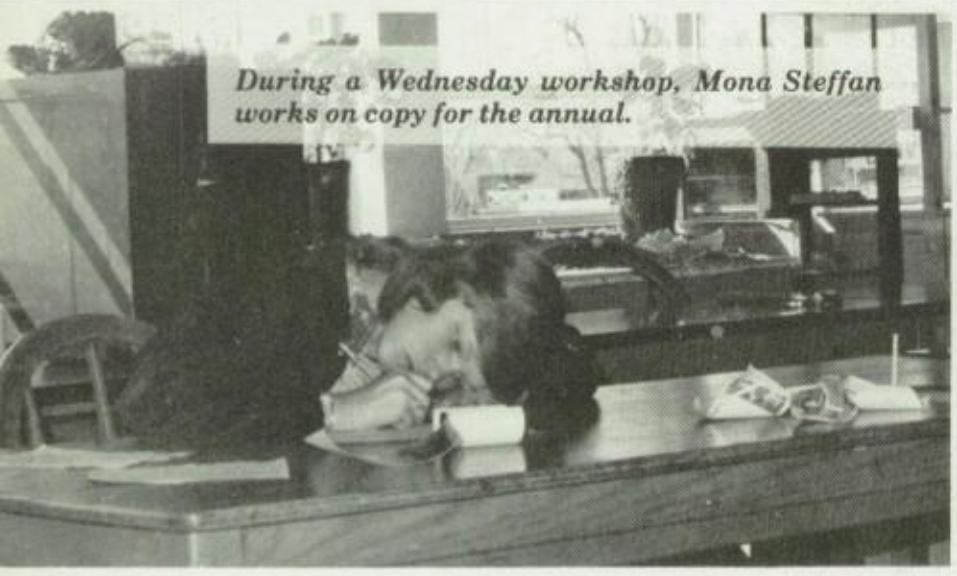
Showing students in the class an object of interest is Mr. Barker.

"Finally," Tracy Lindsey says as he pulls his class ring from its wrappings.

Dressed as a nun, Vickie Alley portrays the prioress in "Canterbury Tales."

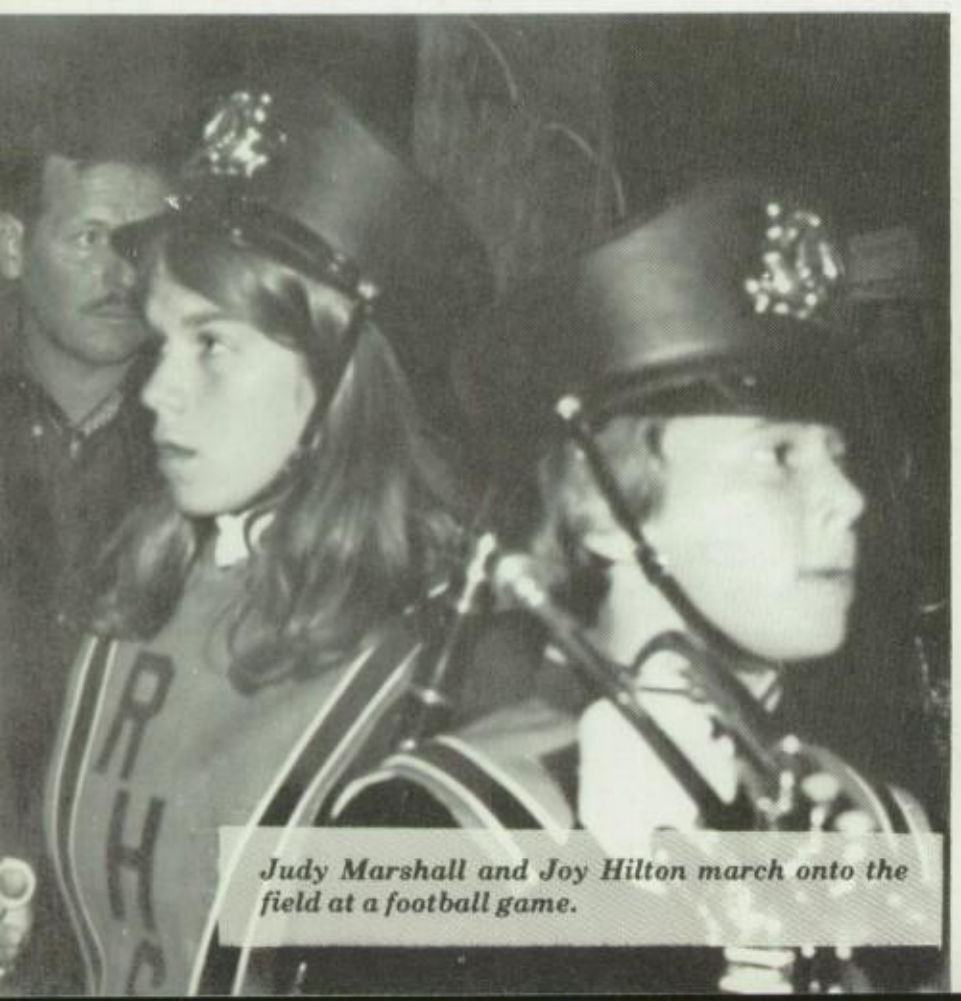


Ricky Shrader and Billy Rosenbaum walk down the hall between classes.



During a Wednesday workshop, Mona Steffan works on copy for the annual.

Mr. Barker "dogsits" during a tennis match.



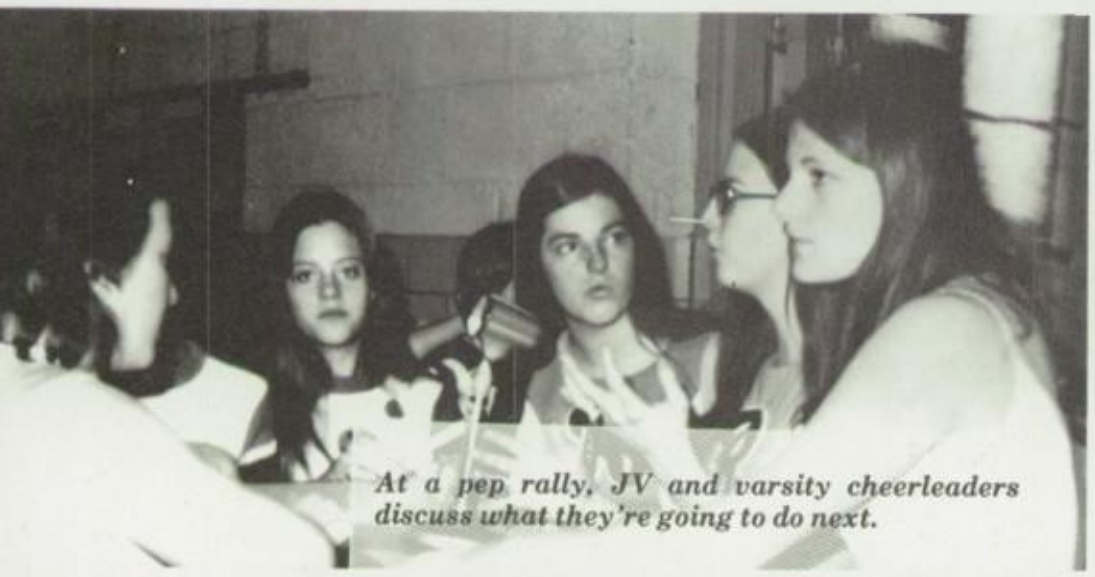
Judy Marshall and Joy Hilton march onto the field at a football game.

What's Going On?

"Did you hear the announcements?" "What's meeting today?" "Do we have any homework?" "Who won the ballgame last night?"

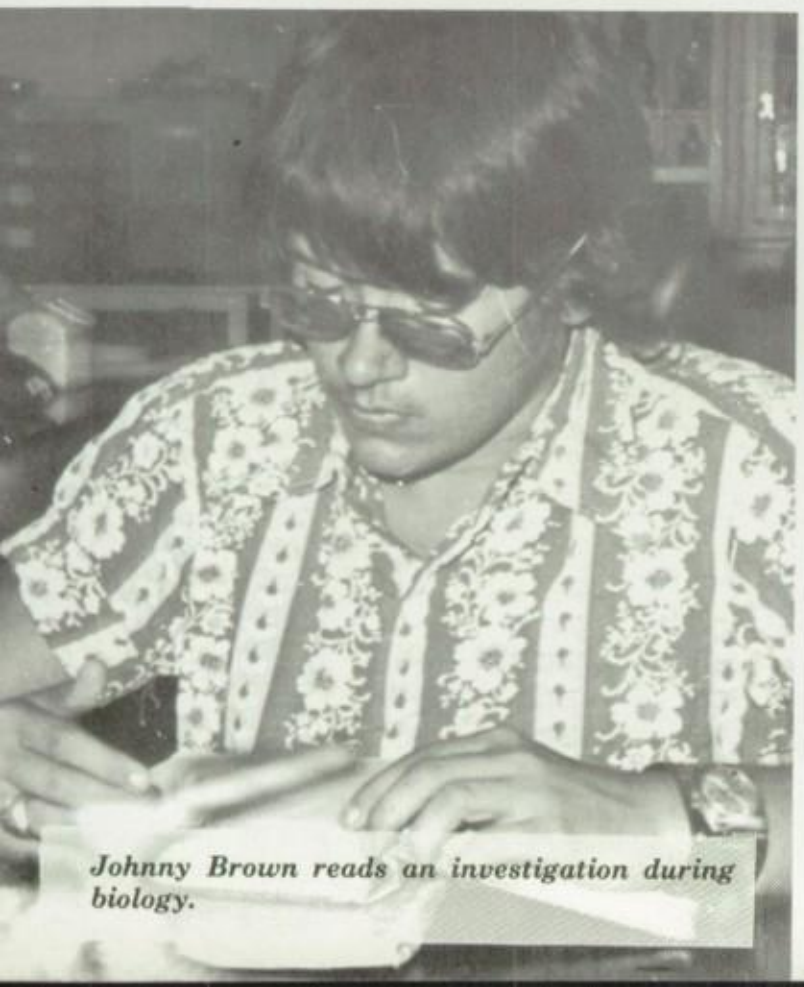
Although at times it seemed as if students and teachers didn't know what was going on, there was always someone around to straighten them out. It was usually Mrs. Catron who always seemed to be able to answer any and every question.

Linda Martin kisses a bear during the elementary assembly, Al and His Pals.



At a pep rally, JV and varsity cheerleaders discuss what they're going to do next.

Doris Crouse helps clean up after the annual staff's Christmas party.

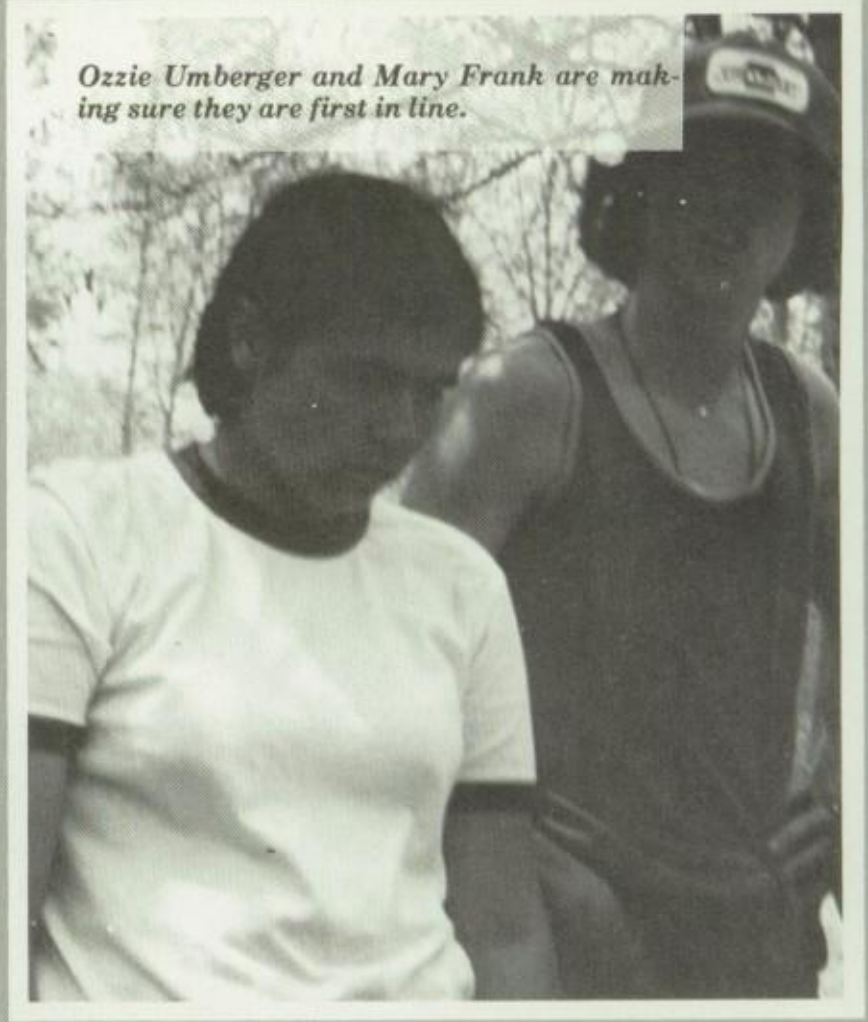


Johnny Brown reads an investigation during biology.

Miss Breeding checks Brenda Holbrook's name on the list and gives her her number as Mr. McDaniel watches.

Senior Day

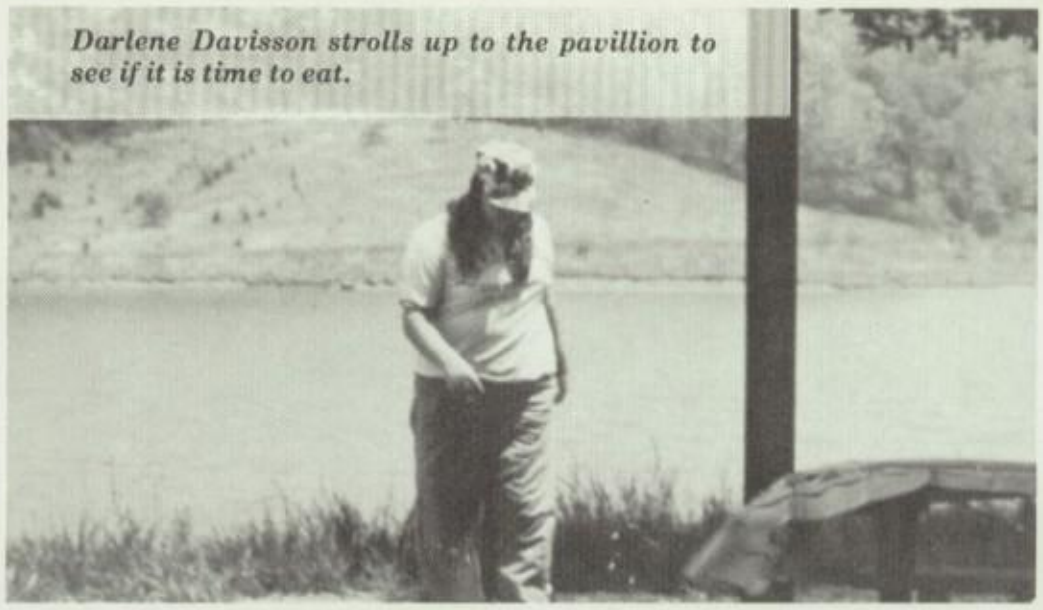
Senior Day was held on May 13; it began with the reading of the senior wills to the juniors first period and then a picnic at the Rural Retreat Lake. At the lake Mr. Porter, Mr. Yates, and Mrs. Ely were in charge of barbecuing the chicken and keeping order. After eating, the main attraction was throwing everyone into the lake.



Ozzie Umberger and Mary Frank are making sure they are first in line.

Mr. Yates gives chicken to some hungry seniors.

Darlene Davisson strolls up to the pavillion to see if it is time to eat.

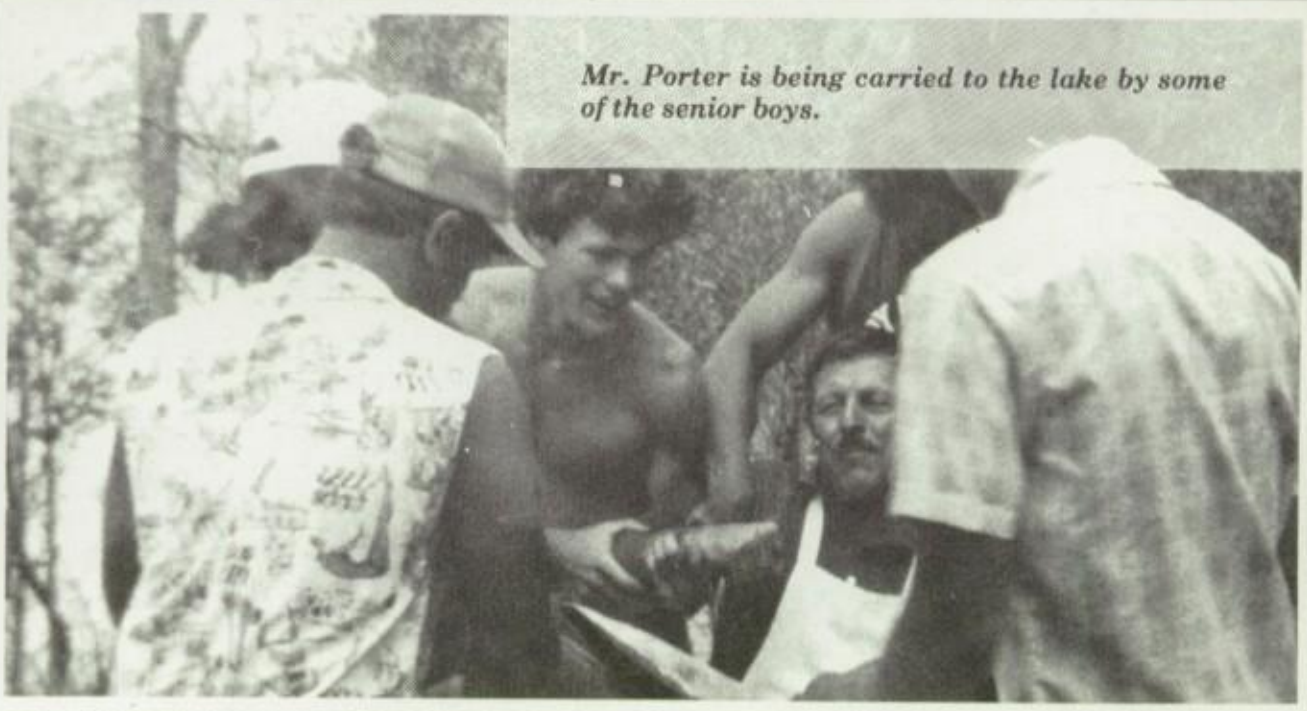


Mrs. Ely and Ellen Wright keep the cooks in line.

Keith Hoback surveys the situation at the barbeque pit.

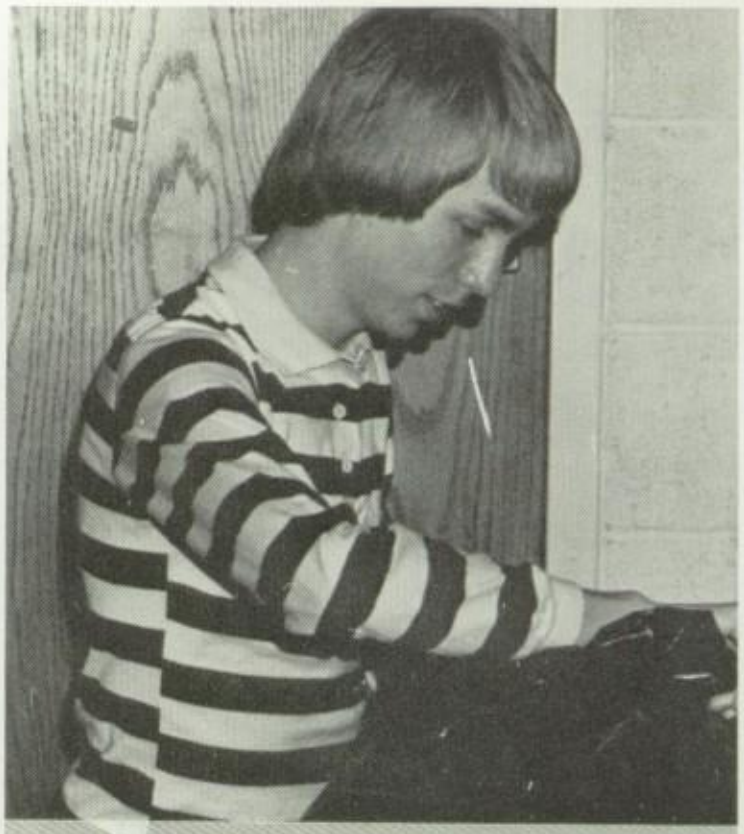
Vickie Alley poses for a picture after being thrown in the lake.

Mr. Porter is being carried to the lake by some of the senior boys.



On Up To The Top

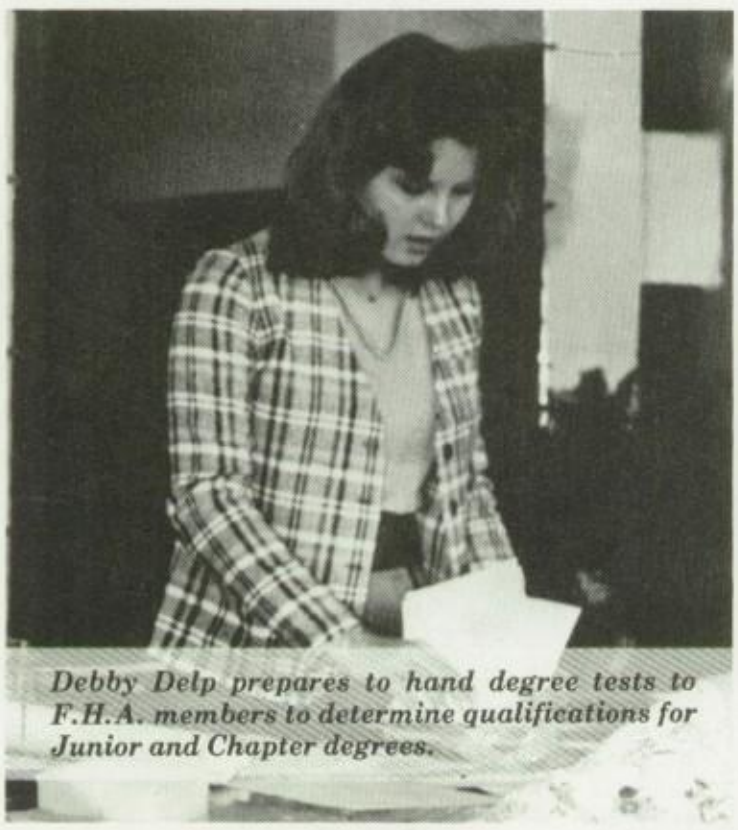
Besides attaining high scholastic averages, the top five seniors were involved in many different and time-consuming activities. The top five were: Vickie Alley, Jeff Bowling, Melissa Sage, Paul Copenhaver, and Debby Delp. Basketball, F.H.A., G.A.A., Annual Staff, and N.H.S. were Vickie's main extra-curricular activities. Jeff was involved in Band, N.H.S., Forensics, and Annual Staff. Annual Staff, N.H.S., F.H.A., and Forensics took up Melissa's time. Paul spent much of his time in N.H.S. and bus-driving. Basketball, Annual Staff, F.H.A., G.A.A., and N.H.S. provided extra work for Debby. These seniors had a 3.87 average or above, which proved that although they contributed much to the school's clubs and functions, they were still able to provide high scholastic performance.



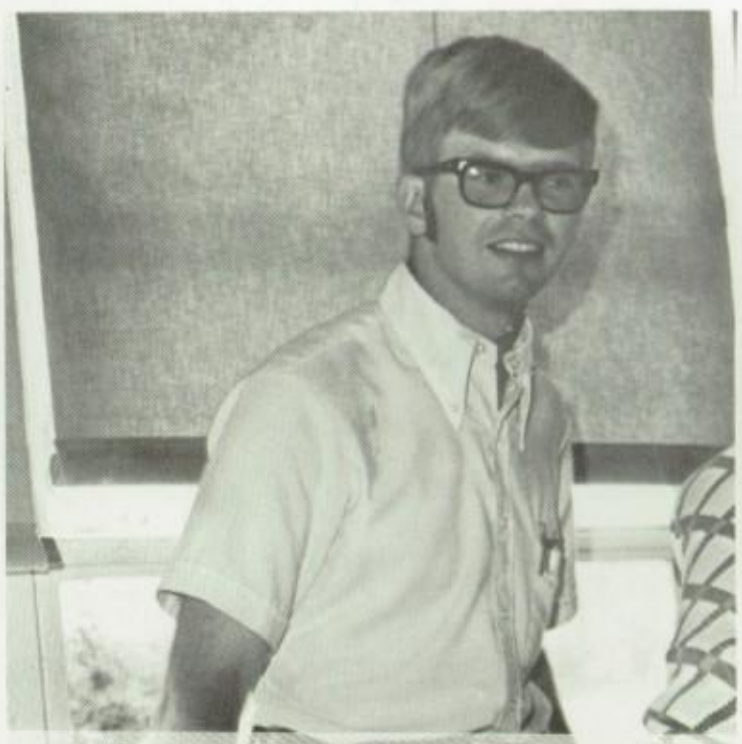
Jeff Bowling prepares to start another crusade of selling doughnuts for the N.H.S.

During the N.H.S. ceremony, Vickie Alley hands Donna Fulton her membership card.

Taking it in stride, Melissa Sage accepts the joking of her peers at the Regional Forensic meet.



Debby Delp prepares to hand degree tests to F.H.A. members to determine qualifications for Junior and Chapter degrees.



Pausing a few minutes before class begins, Paul Copenhaver listens attentively to what a fellow classmate says.

Graduation—The Beginning Of The End!!

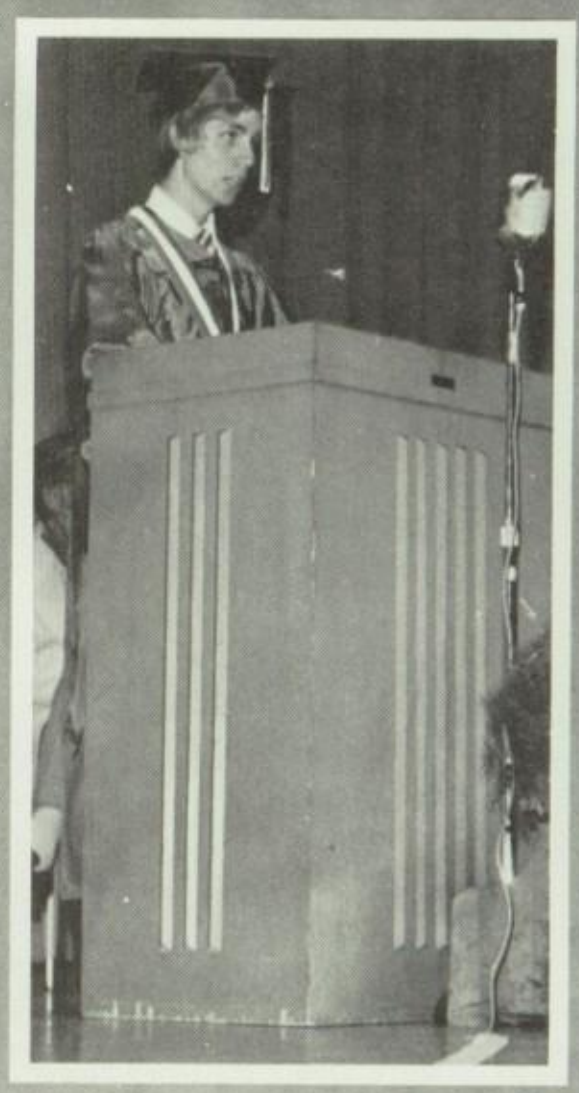
Group picture: (Front Row) Donna Houston, Debby Delp, Jayne Hall, Ken Langston, George Wolfe, Suzanne Ringly, Diana Sheets, Cleadieth Arnold, Debbie Brown, Mary Frank, Ethel Crockett, Virginia Crockett, Dale Catron, Janie Grubb, Melissa Sage, Richard Ward, Sally Vaught, Joyce Parsons. (Second Row) Debby Testamen, Libby Davis, Lois Grubb, Connie Smith, Paul Copenhaver, Keith Hoback, Dennis Fielder, Mike Gray, Dean Tolley, Sam Grubb, Johnny Grubb, Kevin Jennings, Jean Richardson, Pam Johnson, Ellen Wright, Vickie Alley. (Third Row) Liz Porter, Wanda Dalton, Mark Atwell, Elizabeth Haga, Darlene Davisson, Deanna Wohlford, Doug Jarvis, Eddie Heldreth, Jeff Bowling, David Umberger, Bobbie Burton, Dimps Hawthorne, Mike McMillan, Kenny Sult, Chris Wingate, Robert Hurst. (Back Row) Anthony Bowsaw, Linda Jones, J. D. Cregger, Bill Martin, Colin Hanley, Keith Litz, Lisa King, Esther Kincer, Tammy Patton, Gary Hayes, Leisa Pack, Vicky Holbrook, Kenny Hall, Chris Kuehl, James Whalen, Mike Whalen, Ricky Sharpe, Dale Waddell.

Listening attentively, Jean Richardson and Tammy Patton receive instructions from Mrs. Ely.

"Is my cap straight?" "Which side does the tassel go on?" "Is everyone here, NOW!" All these exclamations and many more were heard ringing through the halls of R.R.H.S. From confusing Mr. Porter and Mrs. Ely, to learning to walk together, to shedding tears, the hours ticked away until it was time for the final moments.

"For Yesterday Is But A Dream . . .

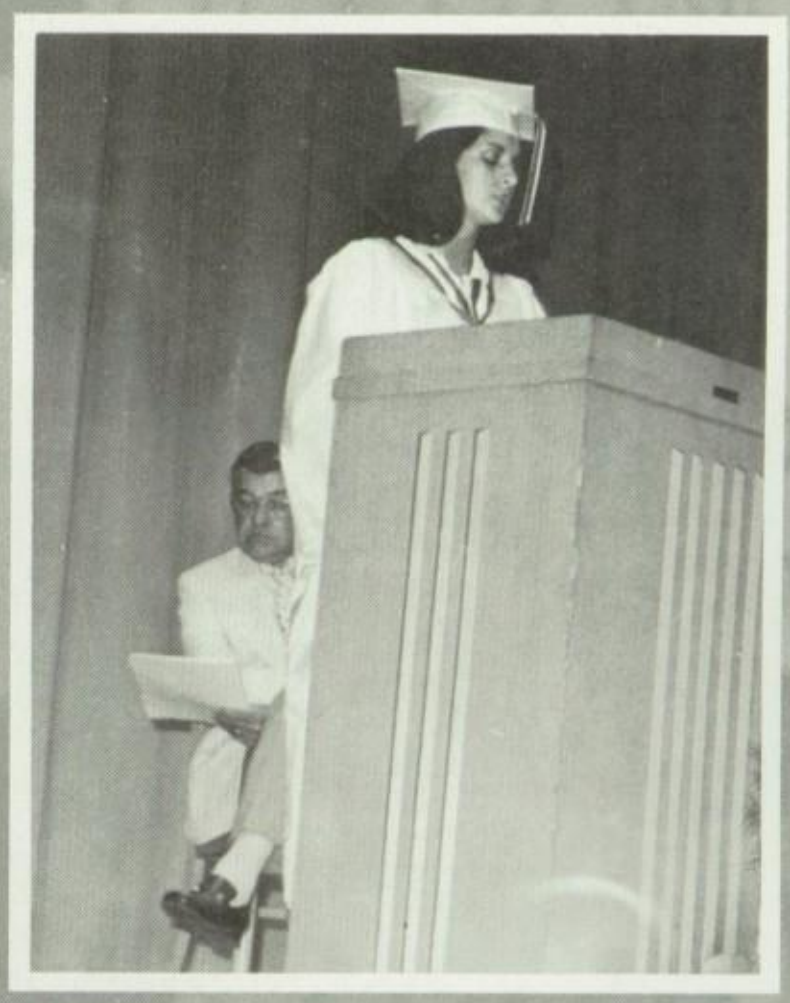
Walking together (as they had learned one day earlier) Sam Grubb and Lois Grubb enter solemnly into the auditorium after which Class President Colin Hanley introduces the speakers.



Salutatorian Jeff Bowling presents his speech "The Certainty of Change."

Speeches were given, accomplishments were recognized, and diplomas were presented. Seventy-one seniors graduated on May 28, 1976 in the auditorium. Reverend Otto Davisson delivered the prayer. Senior President Colin Hanley presented the speakers of the night. Salutatorian Jeff Bowling chose "The Certainty of Change" as his topic. "Strive to Forgive" was the title of Valedictorian Vickie Alley's speech.

Mr. Milton next presented awards and scholarships to deserving students. After the completion of the diploma presentation by Mr. Milton assisted by Mr. Thompson, the former seniors sang the Alma Mater. The night ended with many woops and hollows of joy mingled with tears of sadness.



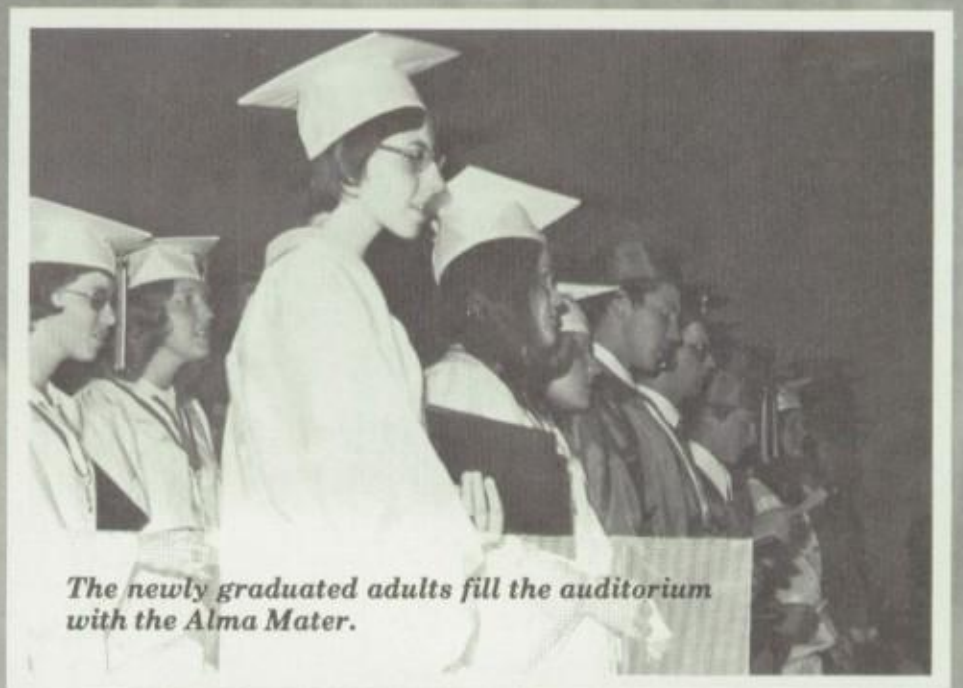
"Strive to Forgive" is the message Valedictorian Vickie Alley wishes to share with her fellow classmates.

. . . Every Tomorrow A Vision Of Hope"

Upon receiving the John Killinger Scholarship, Vickie Alley portrays her happiness.

Melissa Sage gives Mr. Milton a big smile as she accepts the Rural Retreat Woman's Club Scholarship.

Exchanging handshakes and diploma, Jeff Bowling expresses his gratitude to Mr. Milton.



The newly graduated adults fill the auditorium with the Alma Mater.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

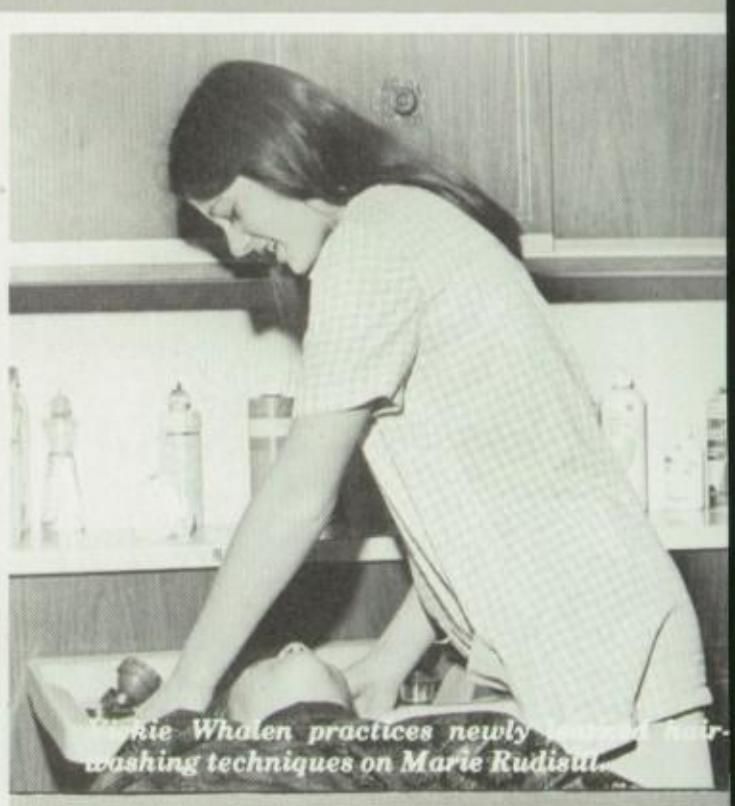
N.H.S.	Kenneth Sult
Women's Club	Melissa Sage
John C. Killinger	Vickie Alley
American Legion	Jeffrey Bowling
Extension Homemakers	Debra Delp
Garden Club	Ellen Wright
Band Award	Jeffrey Bowling
Dodson Piano Award	Sally Vaught
W.H. Gammon Award	Melissa Sage

Masonry Students Construct Room Off Gym

Putting into practice what they had learned, masonry students from the Vocational School used their skills to construct a room off the gym in the early fall. Rural Retreat students spent half of their school day at the Vocational School learning various skills which would enable them to find employment after graduation.

During electronics class, Chris Wingate, James Whalen, Paul Copenhaver, and Mark Atwell work together to repair a radio.

Sam Grubb works to complete a drawing in Drafting.

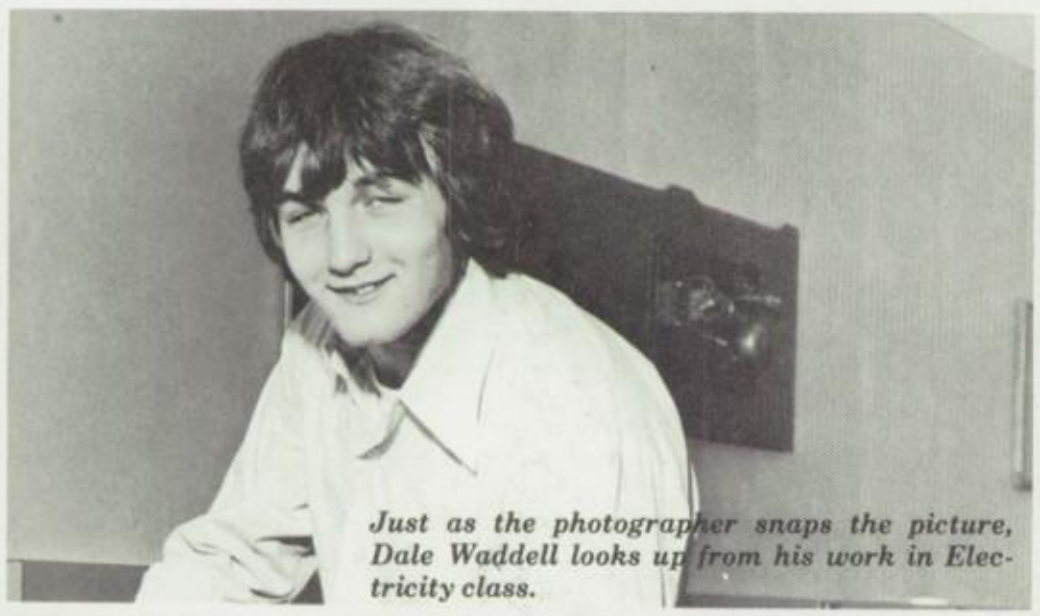


Vickie Whalen practices newly learned hair-washing techniques on Marie Rudisill.

Linda Jones and classmates celebrate the Christmas season in Occupational Sewing.

Busily typing,—Virginia Crockett and Donna Houston work on their daily assignment.

Sandra Grubb observes as Mrs. Keaser shows her the proper way to dice onions.



Just as the photographer snaps the picture, Dale Waddell looks up from his work in Electricity class.

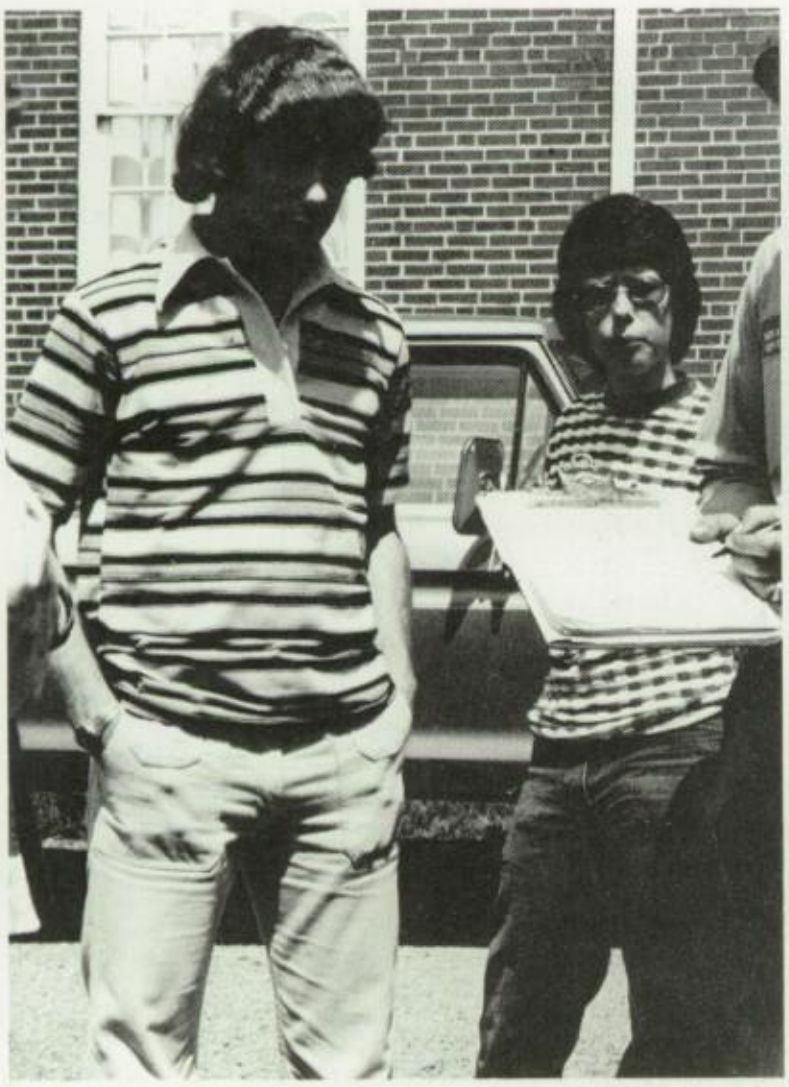
During Auto Mechanics class, Dennis Fielder works on a car.

Concentrating, Eddie Heldreth prepares to machine a piece of metal.

Kenny Hall and Michael Whalen construct a brick wall during Masonry class.

Mathematics — The Universal Language

Advanced Math students Kenny Sult and Jayne Hall listen to Mr. Osborne's explanation of surveying.



The mathematics curriculum is designed to meet the need of students who plan to seek employment after high school and those who plan to enter college. Two sections of math are offered to the eighth grade. In Algebra I simple equations, factoring, and algebraic problems are introduced while Algebra II is a continuation of these on a more advanced level. Logical reasoning and the proving of theorems and corollaries are stressed in geometry. The advanced math class is based on trigonometry with a brief introduction to calculus. Courses are also offered which involve problems of practical nature.

In Mr. Shupe's pre-algebra class, Christie Walters does a cross-multiplication problem on the blackboard.

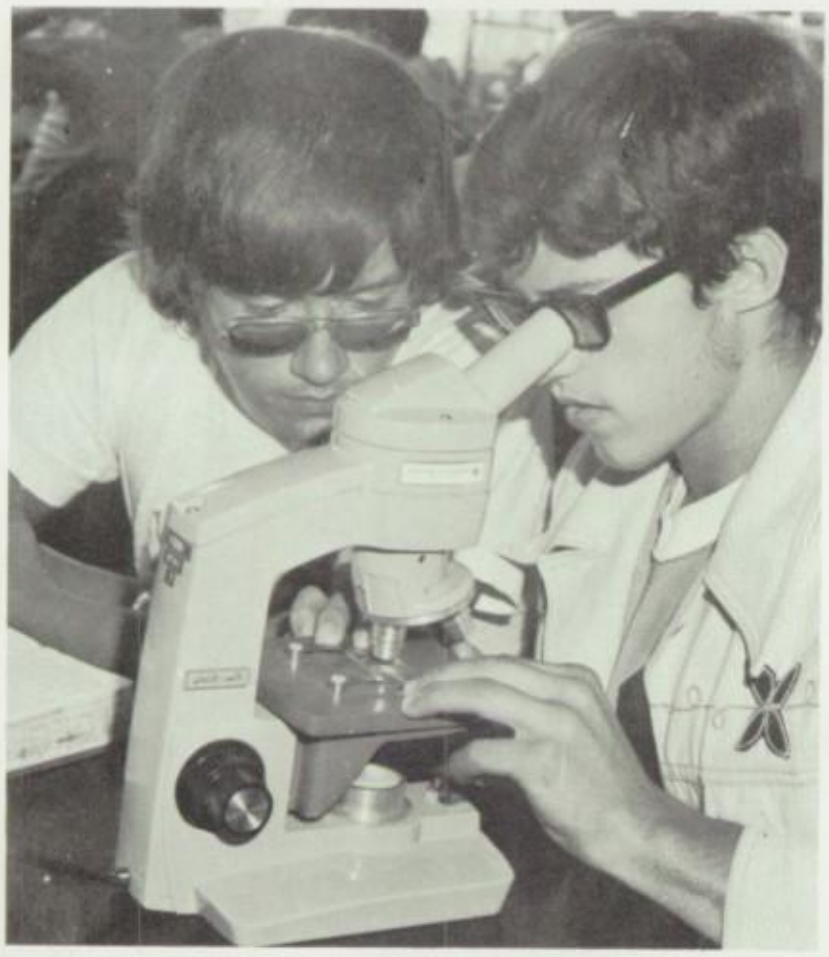
Algebra I students enjoy a joke during Mrs. Arnold's class.

John Burnett works on a lengthy math assignment before the bell rings.

Science Opens Doors to New Beginnings

Mr. Osborne's fifth period Chemistry class listens as he gives over the explanation to an experiment.

The whole principle of science is experimenting. Science 8 and 9 dealt with energy and matter. Biology was dealing with the study of anatomy and surrounding life. Chemistry dealt with the experimenting of different chemicals and the lab work involved in different aspects of chemistry. Physics included the study of electricity, light, heat, sound, and mechanics. The science department opens doors to new beginnings.



The life of an organism is observed by Delmar Cregger while Johnny Brown waits for his look at the microscopic organism.

It takes a close up-look for Willie Hall to understand the Chemistry experiment.

Bridgett Bartee goes through the steps of an experiment while Tolley observes the results.

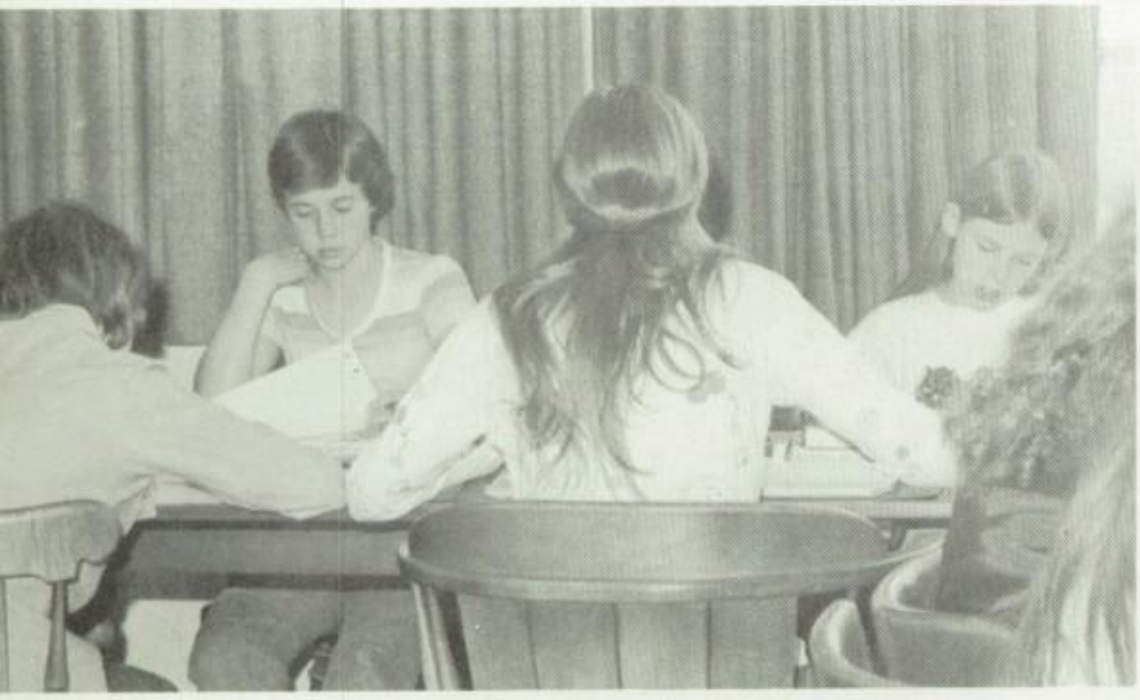
Home Ec. Isn't Easy!

Home Economics is a program of training young people for future positions in the home and in the world of work. In the first year class, there are always some biscuits that fall, and some crooked seams that have to be ripped. The second year gets a little bit better, but there are still some of those little failures that happen to everyone. The third year students start a marriage unit to help the girls prepare themselves for that important step in life. In all these programs the students learn that homemaking is no easy task.

Faye Chandler and Becky Bumgardner find out that cooking is more than stirring and eating.

Sue Stowers does some preliminary ironing before finishing her garment.

First year girls are working on a paper for their foods unit.



Let's Build Something Together!

Mr. Copenhaver instructs John Manuel and Charles Crouse on the perfectness of obtaining a right angle.

Portraying homemaker skills, Charles Wright pauses to pose while sweeping the Agriculture building.

Under the supervision of Mr. Crockett, Mr. Willard, and Mr. Copenhaver, students were introduced to the basic principles of agriculture. Topics ranged from Principles of Business to Plant Science to Genectics and Inheritance Factors. Classes learned varied skills in woodworking, welding, and construction. Gates, feeders, and picnic tables exemplified this. During the year, forms were completed for those competing for state farmer and efficiency awards.

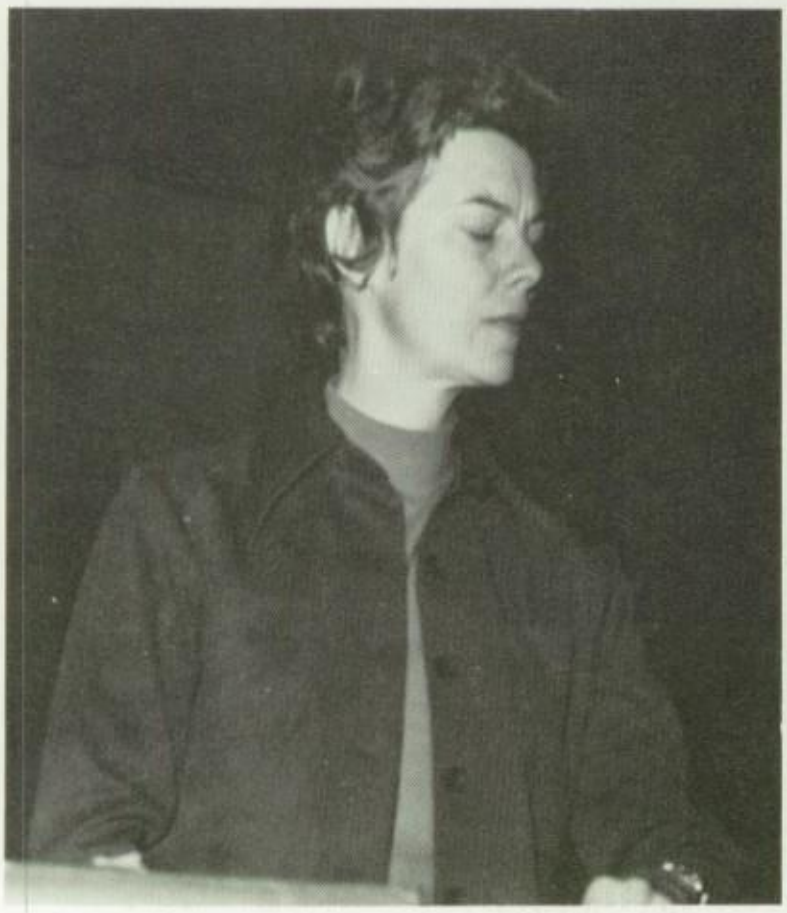
Jay Dixon and Mr. Crockett ponder the next move to make on Jay's project.

Roger Cline and Mike Hardin work diligently on a sign to be used later.

Music Department Has New Instructor

The music department gained a new face. Mrs. Anne Cumbow directed the chorus at Christmas and Spring concerts and through the operetta TOM SAWYER. The band participated in parades, concerts, and pep rallies. High school and elementary music students enriched their talents through weekly piano lessons with Mrs. Dodson. Music was a very important part of school life and added much to the good ole Rural Retreat spirit.

The mixed choir sings "Christmas Hymn" during the Christmas assembly.



Mrs. Anne Cumbow gives a disapproving look at hearing a student's remark.

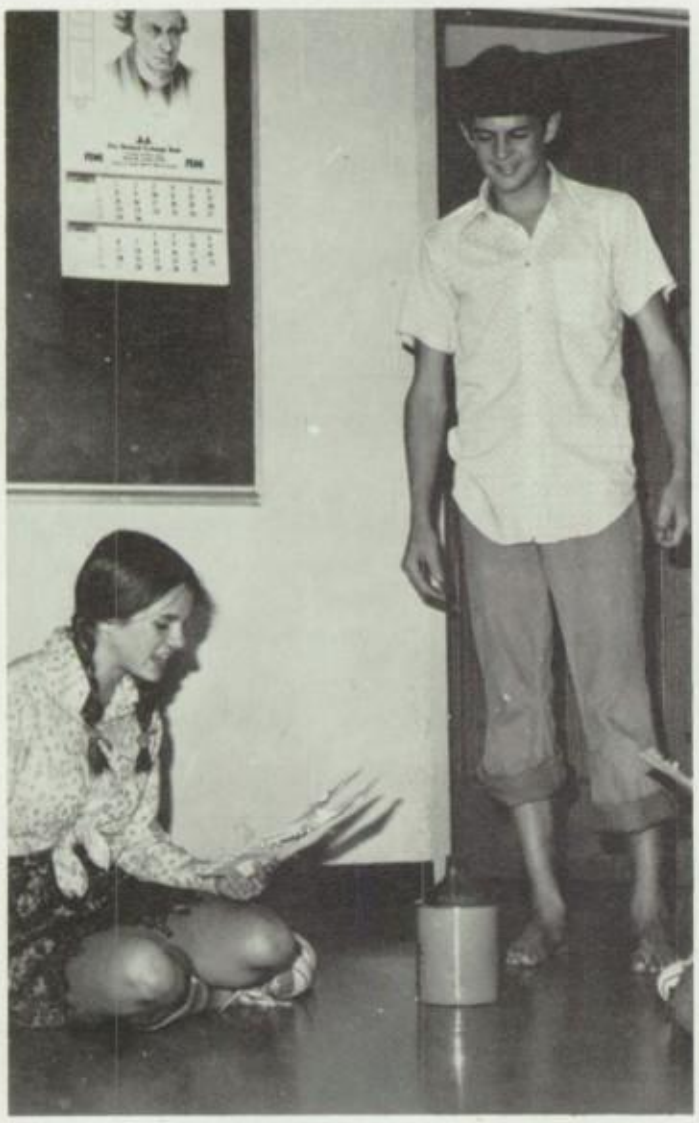
Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class excitedly watches the choir's musical presentation of TOM SAWYER.

The jazz band performs before the beauty pageant begins.

Language Department, An Important Part Of The Curriculum

Waiting for his merry men, Ken Langston sits with his trusty bow.

Bored, Tracy Kindsey waits for something interesting to happen.

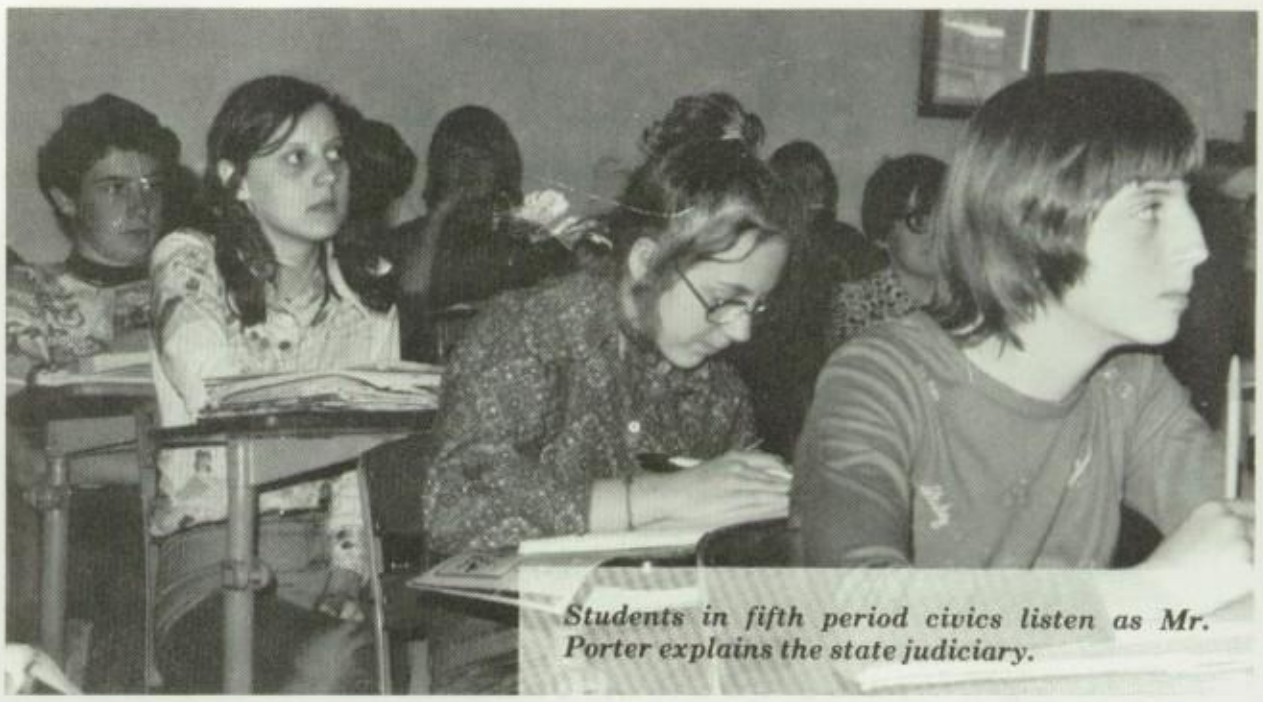


Francis Crockette invites Gary Alley to sit and have a swig with her.

At the French Christmas party, Francis Whalen, Tamera King, and Ramona Bartee signal that it's time to eat.

From the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" to "Canterbury Tales", along with lots of grammar, went the Language Department. SCOPE and READ magazines provided many hours of enjoyment from Seniors to Eighth-graders, while narratives provided many hilarious times in French. By the end of the year, many students had realized that language is an important part of everyone's life.

Completing a government worksheet, Virginia Crockett writes the answer to a question about the Senate.

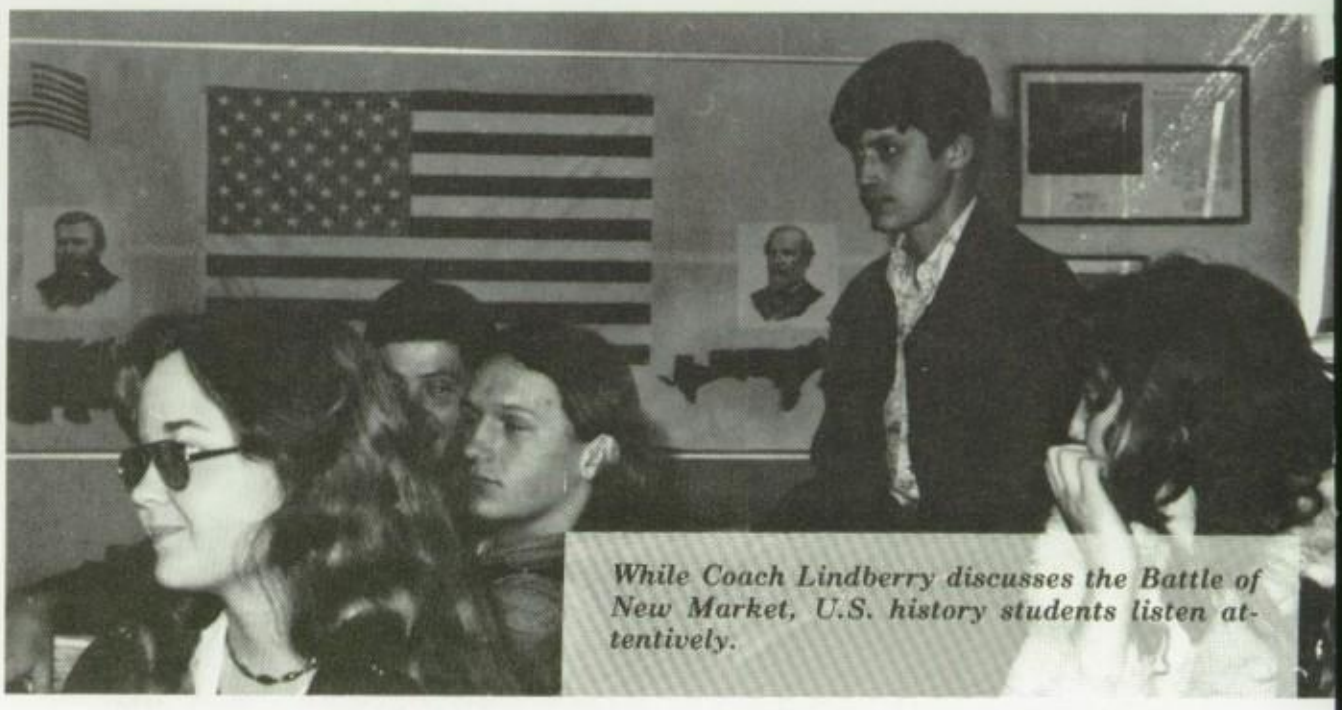


Students in fifth period civics listen as Mr. Porter explains the state judiciary.

Social Studies Department Looks Back To 1776

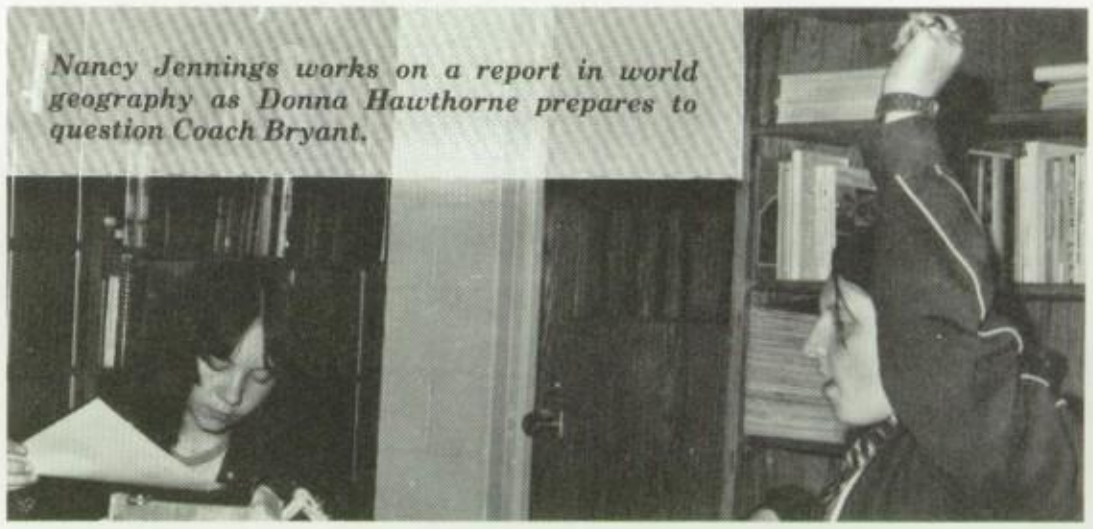
Social Studies classes used the Bicentennial year as an emphasis for study. By drawing a parallel between twentieth century Americans and the patriots of the 1700's, students gained an appreciation of what their forefathers sacrificed.

Switches in teaching assignments found Mr. Lindberry in U.S. history and Mr. Bryant in world geography. Student teacher Mrs. Untiedt helped Mr. Porter with his government and civics classes.



While Coach Lindberry discusses the Battle of New Market, U.S. history students listen attentively.

Nancy Jennings works on a report in world geography as Donna Hawthorne prepares to question Coach Bryant.



Special Instructions Involved in Title III

As class begins to start Mike Harden gives a "It's another day" look.

In class Mrs. Bowling instructs Connie Crigger on a garment she is making.

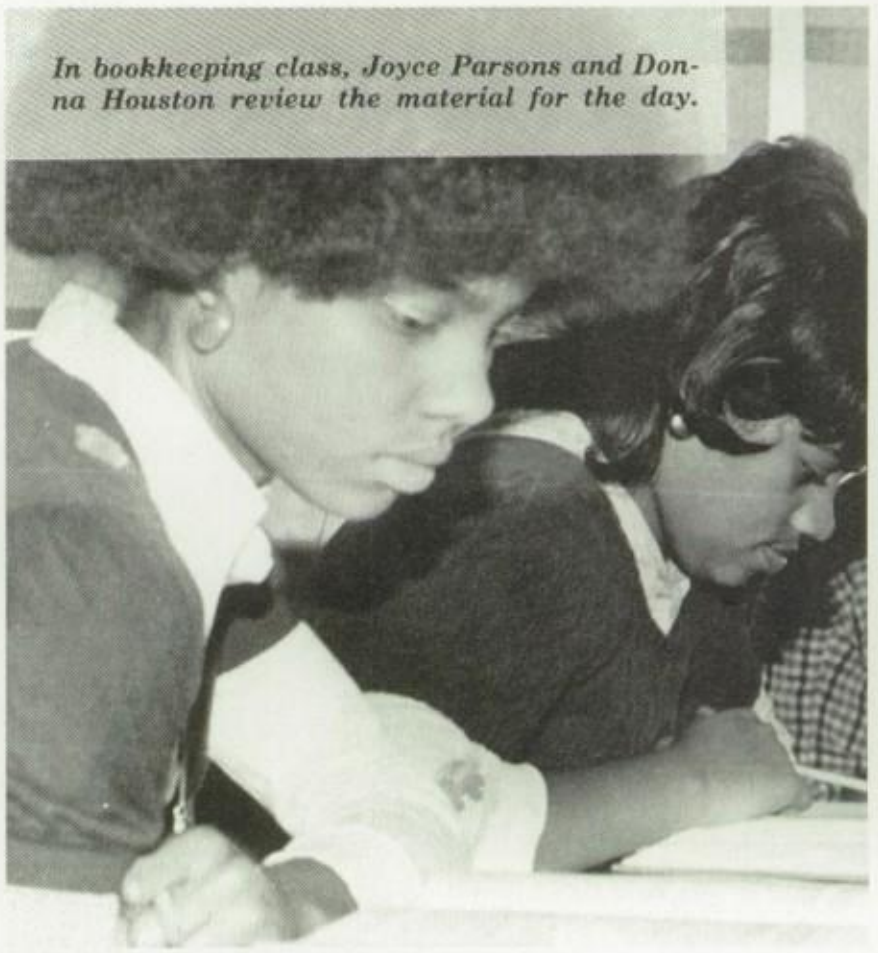
Sandra Grubb and Debbie Richardson work diligently on their assignments.

The Title III Program is a specialized program attempting to find solutions for various difficulties of certain students at Rural Retreat High School. When a student becomes a member of Title III, he is assured of getting special help and guidance for any problems that he might have. In Title III students have access to the most modern facilities and audio visual aids available in our school.

In its third year at Rural Retreat, Title III can be deemed a great success because all of its students are showing marked improvement in their work.

DE and Business Put Students a Step Ahead

Giving students a head start into the world of business, advertising, or in some cases, college was the purpose of D.E. and business classes. Students had several choices of preparatory classes. They were typing, recordkeeping, bookkeeping, general business, economics, and D.E. I, II, or III. No matter which area students participated in, it helped them to get a step ahead into the world of business.



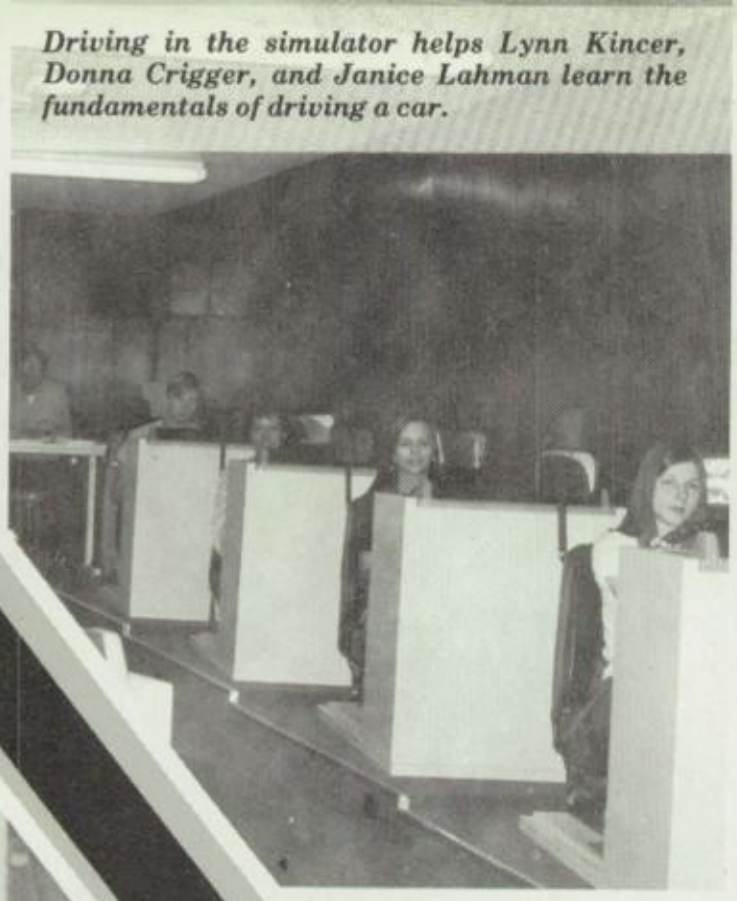
In bookkeeping class, Joyce Parsons and Donna Houston review the material for the day.

Diligent work on the part of Larry Anderson helped to earn him the typing award.

Five minute writings require concentration from Ronny Grubb, Jerry Rhodes, and Mark Powell.

In Mrs. Vaughan's typing class, students work conscientiously on the day's assignments.

Free time in D.E. class brings a smile to Vickie Crouse's face.

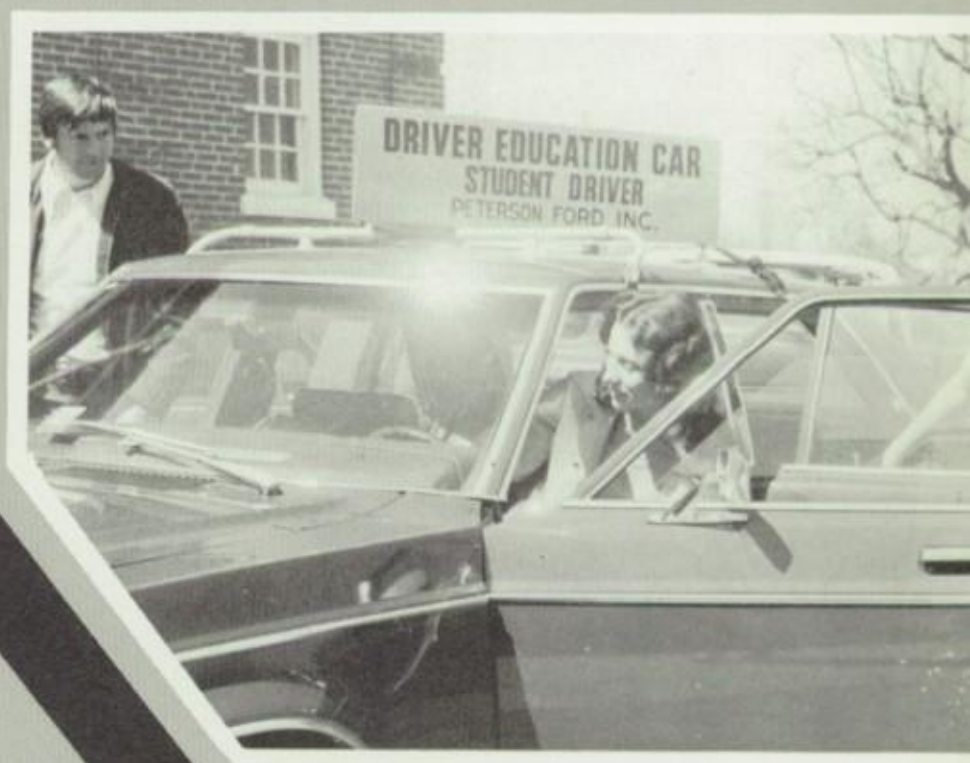


Driving in the simulator helps Lynn Kincer, Donna Crigger, and Janice Lahman learn the fundamentals of driving a car.

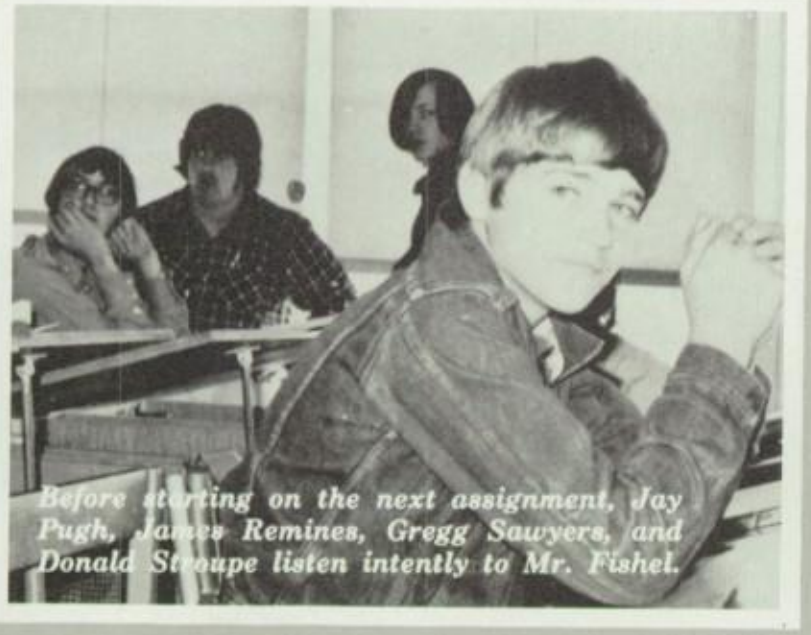
Driver's Ed. Gets New Instructor

The Driver's Education class received a new instructor this year, Mr. Doug Branson. He taught students how to apply the brakes slowly, so as not to throw everyone through the windshield, to remember to always use the signal lights and many other fundamentals of driving. Daily trips were taken to Marion to learn to parallel park and to Wytheville to learn to drive in traffic. Driving each day proved to be very rewarding experiences for both students and instructor.

Debbie Brown works diligently on a three dimensional drawing.



Taking Kim Catron as a passenger, Coach Branson prepares "to drive" with Brenda Holbrook.



Before starting on the next assignment, Jay Pugh, James Remines, Gregg Sawyers, and Donald Stroupe listen intently to Mr. Fishel.

Teaching mechanical drawing presents many new and interesting problems for Mr. Fishel.

Mechanical Drawing

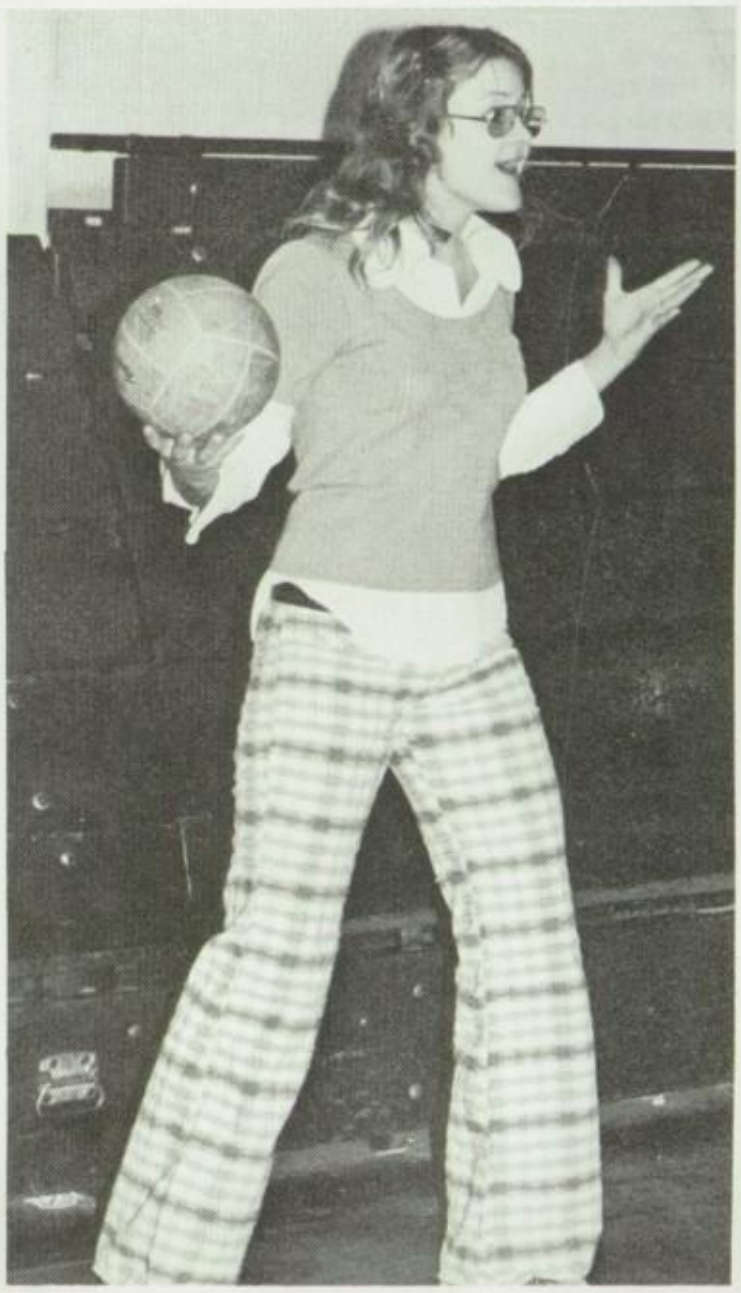
"Is this the right paper?" "Which pencil do we use?" "Is this a protractor?" These, along with many other questions, were repeatedly asked to Mr. James Fishel, mechanical drawing instructor. This class prepared students for such fields as industry, drafting, or engineering. Three-dimensional drawings, projections, and many other techniques were taught. By the end of the year, the students realized how important this class had been.

Physical Education — A Great Vocation

Through the years both boys and girls have achieved a lot in P.E. During class time, the eighth, ninth, and tenth grade students had activities such as tennis, basketball, baseball, and gymnastics. In these sports there were some fights, but usually the activities ended in fun and laughter. The teams were playing for fun, but their true feelings were "May the best man or team win."

Classroom studies included health, driver's education, and testing of the students knowledge of the sports they played in class.

"Get that ball over the net," shouts Anthony Stuart as Tommy Bridges and other teammates strive to make the winning point.



"Stop goofing off. We have a game to play," says Ronnie Loop as she waits to serve.

As the teams volley for serve, they keep five words in mind: "May the best team win."

Art is Individuality

While half of the class is looking at the photographer the other half is watching one of Mrs. Neighbors' films. (left) As Shirley Burris tries to finish a picture, Donna Hawthorne skimmed through a magazine. (below)

With the school year coming to an end, Mrs. Neighbors keeps trying to catch up on her paper grading.

From the beginning of time, each person has had a different personality and this was reflected in the art classes at Rural Retreat. From realism to non-objective, each person let his own personality show in their work.

Endless varieties of art keep the showcase a thing of never-ending beauty. (left) Finally, with a new brush and clean water, Bobbi Tollie tried it again with the water colors and ink. (below)

Indian Band Receives Superior Ratings

The Big Indian Band gained new momentum this year. Director Jim Vaught successfully guided the band through dozens of events for the fourth consecutive year. Lengthy practice sessions contributed to outstanding half-time shows and pep rallies. The band received a superior and an excellent rating at the Chilhowie Apple Festival. For the second time, the band won top honors at the Concord College Band Festival in Athens, West Virginia. At the Southeastern Band Festival in Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, the band received a superior rating after an absence of six years. Three concerts and eight parades added diversity to the year. Playing Grade IV music, the band received an excellent rating at the District VII Concert Festival in Abingdon.

Four members of the band: Dale Jones, Darrell Jones, Joy Hilton, and Freddie Steffey participated in the first Junior-High All-Regional Band held at John Battle High School. Jeff Bowling and Dennis Roberts participated in the Senior High All-Regional Symphonic Band held at Marion High School.

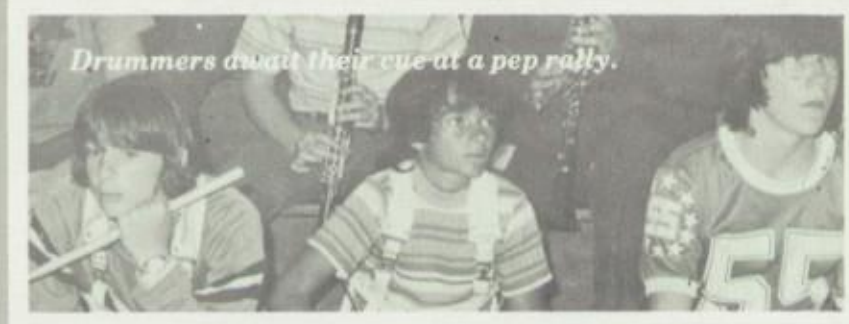
Field Conductor Lisa Spraker mounts the stand before the center drill begins.

Director Jim Vaught explains the rules for the District VII Concert Festival in Abingdon.

Members of the 1976 Band are: Jimmy Brown, Frank Ellison, Donald Burton, David Long, Boyd Houston, Kevin Blair, Darrell Hackler, Veronica Loop, Lisa Spraker, Tammy King, Sharon Porter, Linda Martin, Dawn Buckley, Virginia Crockett, Linda Kinder, Ellen Cassell, Beth Johnson, Helen Dunkley, Melanie Slagle, Vanessa Cornet, Tammy Jones, Dale Jones, Diana Sheets, Janice Miller, Beth Ellison, Charlie Fasano, Jeff Bowling, Jennifer Hall, Ann Long, Resa Newman, Mary Mercer, Lori Rosenbaum, Carolyn Langston, Richie Hayes, Judy Marshall, Bill Bralley, Katrina Lindamood, Bridgett Bartee, Alan Rosenbaum, Darrell Jones, Kathy Lyons, Freddie Steffey, Joy Hilton, Denisa Vaught, Suzanne Ringley, Barry Lambert, Bryan Loop, Dennis Roberts, Sheri Wood, Mary Alice Vaught, Dawn Bass, Deedra Williams, and Brenda Jones.

The band makes its way to the town square during the Rural Retreat Christmas Parade.

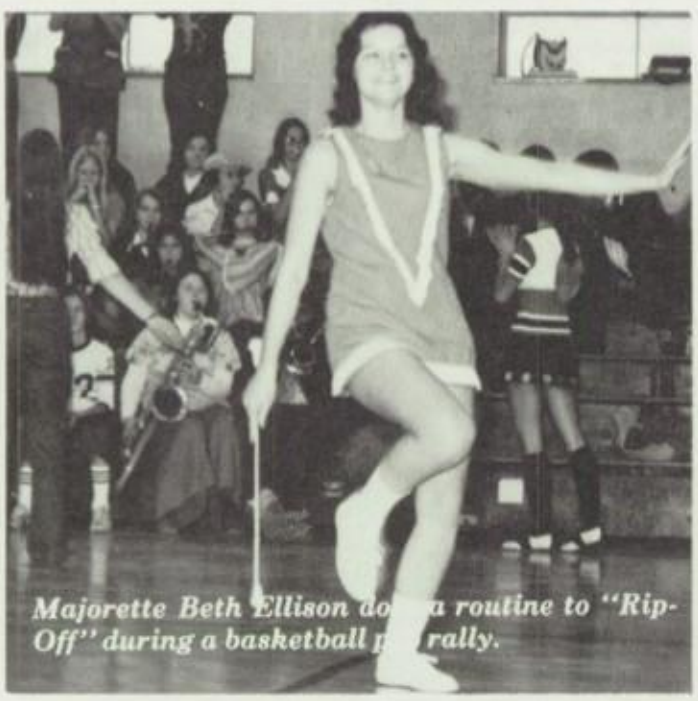
Majorette Diana Sheets marches with the band in the Lord's Acre Day Parade.



Drummers await their cue at a pep rally.

While watching the formation of the Homecoming floats, Ann Long adjusts her gloves.

Head Majorette Linda Martin listens to constructive criticism about a routine.



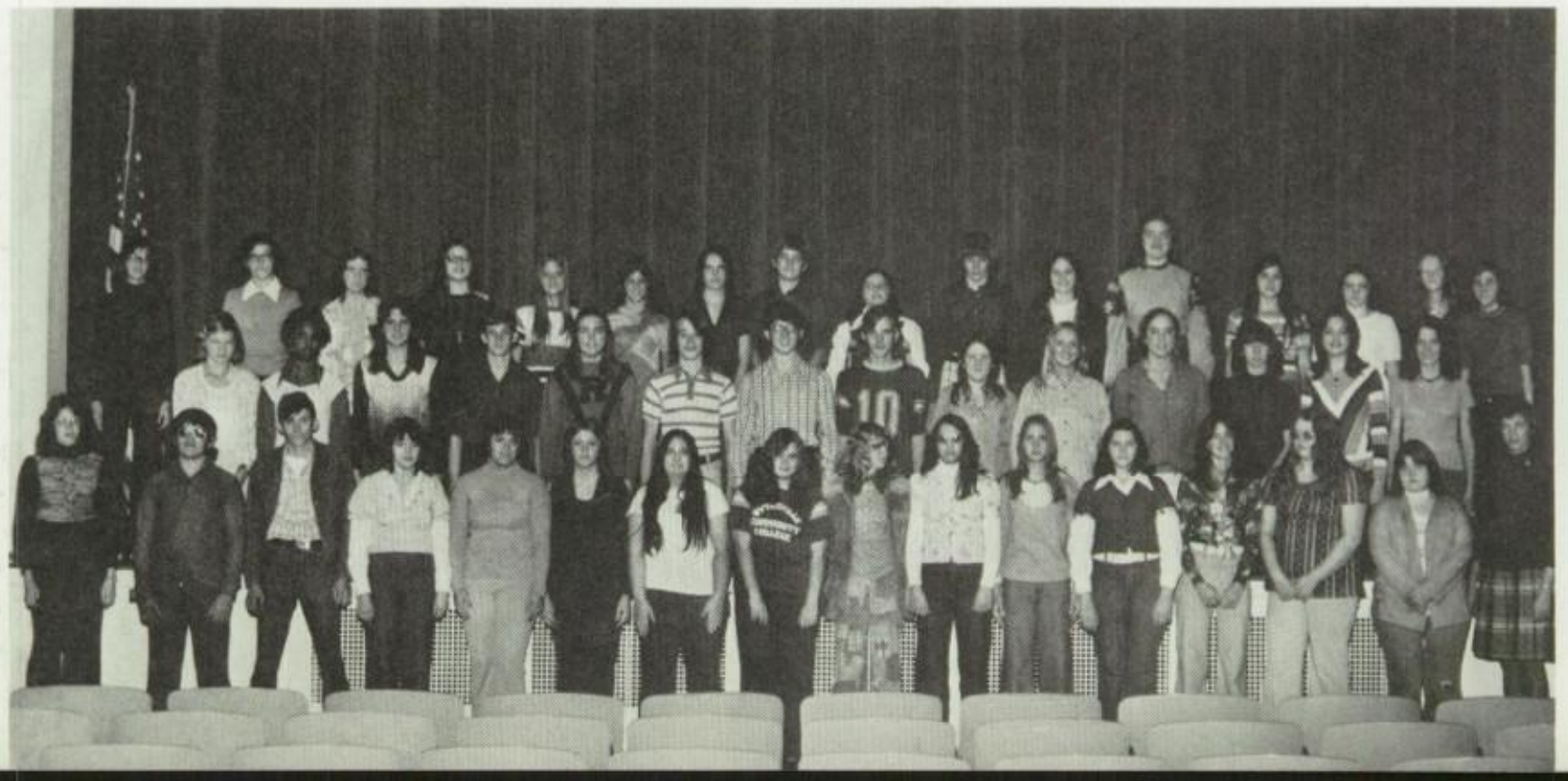
Majorette Beth Ellison do[illegible]a routine to "Rip-Off" during a basketball p[illegible] rally.

Girls and Mixed Chorus Present Tom Sawyer Play

Throughout the year, the chorus had three major activities. The first activity was their Christmas program. In this program the choruses sang songs of Christmas joy. Next, the tryouts and concert for All-Regional chorus were held. Of those trying-out — Darlene Davisson, Venita Hurt, Mary Atwell, Ramona Bartee, Sheila Fielder, and Mona Steffan — Darlene Davisson and Mona Steffan made All-Regional. They later went on to Pulaski. The last activity was that famous play TOM SAWYER. Here, both choruses participated in singing, acting, and having a whole lot of fun.

Darlene Davisson and Mona Steffan say their last goodbys before leaving for All-Regional Chorus in Pulaski.

The Mixed and Girls' Choruses are: (Front Row) Mrs. Porter — Student Teacher, Johnny Brown, Stephen Painter, Karen King, Connie Smith, Ethel Crockett, Brownie Wingate, Karen Widner, Vanessa Arnold, Patty Litteral, Tammy Bailey, Mary Atwell, Pam Johnson, Darlene Davisson, Drema Davidson, and Mrs. Combow. (Middle Row) Mona Steffan, Joyce Parsons, Mary Vipperman, Tommy Bridges, Patti Tibbs, Jamie Parks, James Craver, Ray Burris, Tammy Grubb, Vicky Bise, Liz Porter, Kathy Earles, Leisa Pack, and Brenda Holbrook. (Back Row) Brenda Hodge, Jo Huddle, Ramona Bartee, Venita Hurt, Sheila Fielder, Bridget Bartee, Carrie Hancock, Jay Pugh, Debbie Testerman, Tony Parks, Lisa Tolley, Rebecca Farmer, Virginia Crouse, Mary Mulkey, Annette Redman, and Barbara Wagner. NOT PICTURED: Vickie Buck, Jerry Gray, Phillip Brown, Tim Brewer, Liz Crockett, and Bobbi Tolley.



Academic Awards — 1976

SUBJECT	*STUDENT*	*TEACHER*
English 12	*Melissa Sage*	*Ely*
English 11	*Lisa Spraker*	*Ely*
Geography	*Sherry Underwood*	*Bryant*
Home Ec. I	*Vivian Huddle*	*Litz*
Home Ec. II	*Debbie Delp*	*Litz*
Home Ec. III	*Melissa Sage*	*Litz*
English 8	*Vivian Huddle*	*Cassell*
English 9	*Dennis Roberts*	*Willis*
English 10	*Jennifer Hall*	*Cassell*
English 10	*Pat Porter*	*Willis*
Bookkeeping	*Jeff Bowling*	*Irvin*
Geometry	*Randy Irvin* *Rodney Maxey* *Frances Crockett*	*Shupe*
Algebra II	*Paul Copenhaver*	*Shupe*
Economics	*Jeff Bowling* *Debby Delp*	*Vaughan*
Typing I	*Larry Anderson* *Vickie Alley*	*Vaughan*
D.E. I	*Debra Burris*	*McDaniel*
Band	*Jeff Bowling*	*Vaught*
Civics	*Alice Vaught*	*Porter*
Government	*Vickie Alley*	*Porter*

D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award	*Jeff Bowling*
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award	*Melissa Sage*
D.A.R. History Award	*Rebecca Huddle*

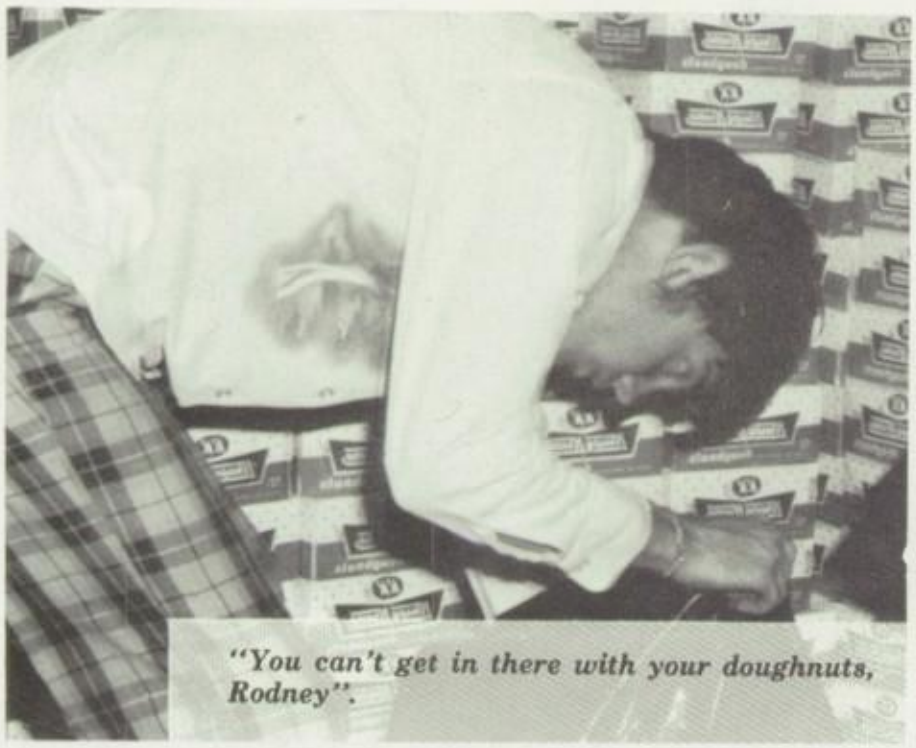
FHA Sells Tupperware

The members of the FHA are: (Front Row) Debby Delp — Degree Sec., Angie Jones — Chap., Carol Umberger — Treas., Vickie Alley — V.P., Doris Crouse — Pres., Frances Whalen — Sec., Jo Huddle — Hist., Donna Houston — Rep., Melissa Sage — Federation Treas. (Middle Row) Denise Widner, Robin Fracker, Susie Kincer, Kathy Earles, Jeanie Kincer, Gail Anderson, Janice Miller, Judy Bass, Mrs. Litz — Sponsor, Dawn Bass, Ellen Wright, Janet Brown, Debbie Lusk, Joan Staley, Vickie Holbrook, Wanda Dalton, Pam Jarvis. (Back Row) Sheila Fielder, Vivian Huddle, Denisa Vaught, Tammy Jones, Connie Tomlinson, Joy Hilton, Vanessa Cornett, Jewel Stuart, Debbie Manuel, Mary Mercer, Dawn Buckley, Rebecca Huddle, Donna Cregger, Teresa Rosenbaum, Brenda Holbrook, Inga King.

The Rural Retreat chapter of the Future Homemakers of America started the year off successfully with the money-making project of selling Tupperware. The Christmas Buffet was a success with great food and much celebrating. Since the National FHA celebrated its thirtieth birthday in February, a tea was given for the high school teachers during FHA Week, February 8-14. Programs and projects were centered around "Family Living," the chapter's program of work. Officers for the 76-77 year were installed at the Mother-Daughter Banquet in May.

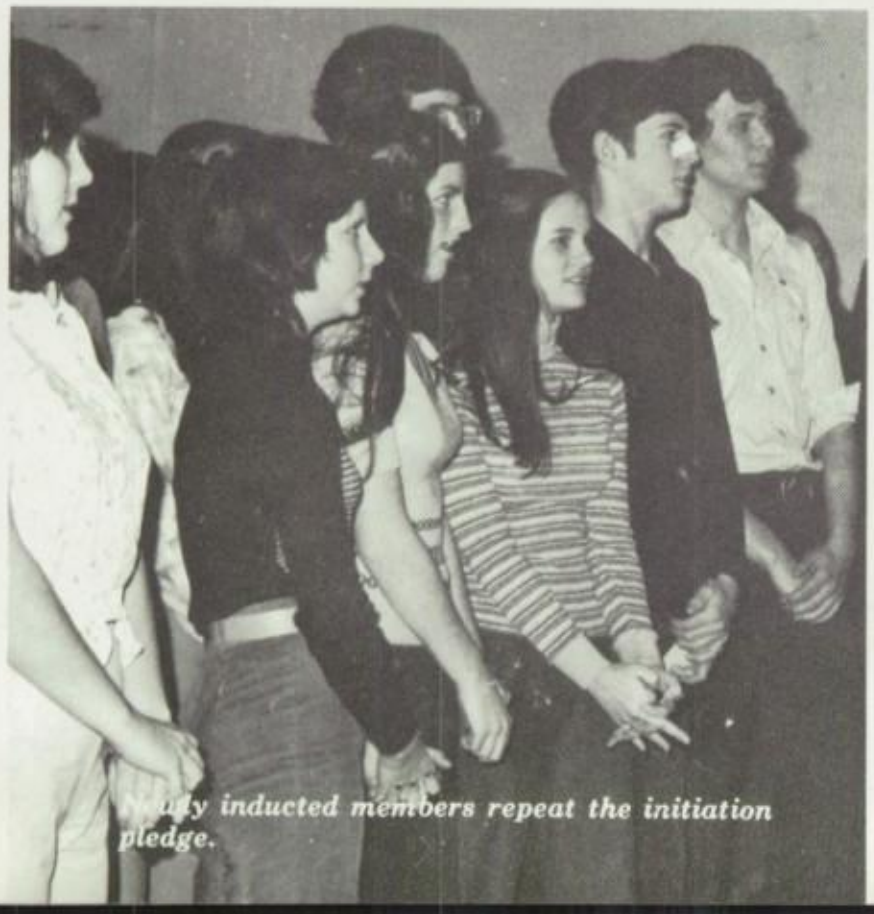
During the social hour for the teachers, Doris Crouse and Mrs. Litz discuss replenishing the table.

NHS Sells Doughnuts



"You can't get in there with your doughnuts, Rodney".

The National Honor Society had a very busy year. At the first of the year they sponsored trips to Klassroom Kwiz for five consecutive weeks. In February the NHS tapping ceremony was held. Then to round the year off, they held their annual doughnut sale to obtain money for the NHS Scholarship to Wytheville Community College.



Newly inducted members repeat the initiation pledge.

The NHS members are: (Front Row) Melissa Sage — chap., Ellen *Wright — treas., Jeff Bowling — parl., Mike McMillan — pres., Vickie Alley — rep., Virginia Crockett — sec., Donna Houston — hist. (Middle Row) Bonnie Hale, Robin Kincer, Vicky Whalen, Randall Hodge, Micheal Hall, Jayne Hall, Sally Vaught, Jean Richardson. (Back Row) Mrs. Willis — sponsor, Patty Tibbs, Rebecca Huddle, Debbie Delp, Bobbie Burton, Esther Kincer, Colin Hanley, Jerry Rhodes, Willie Hall, Paul Copenhaver, Keith Litz, James Whalen, Dimps Hawthorne, Eddie Heldreth, Tammy Patton, Keith Hoback, Kenny Sult, Doris Crouse, Lisa Spraker.*

Library Club Gets New Sponsor

The Library Club started the year with a new sponsor. Miss Ann Cason, the librarian, gave a new lift to the club. The club sold old library books for one of their major projects. Another major project was a bake sale in which all members participated. They also provided refreshments for the contestants in the regional forensic meet. Members of the library club helped Miss Cason by working in the library during their spare time.

Joyce Parsons puts the morning paper out for students to read.

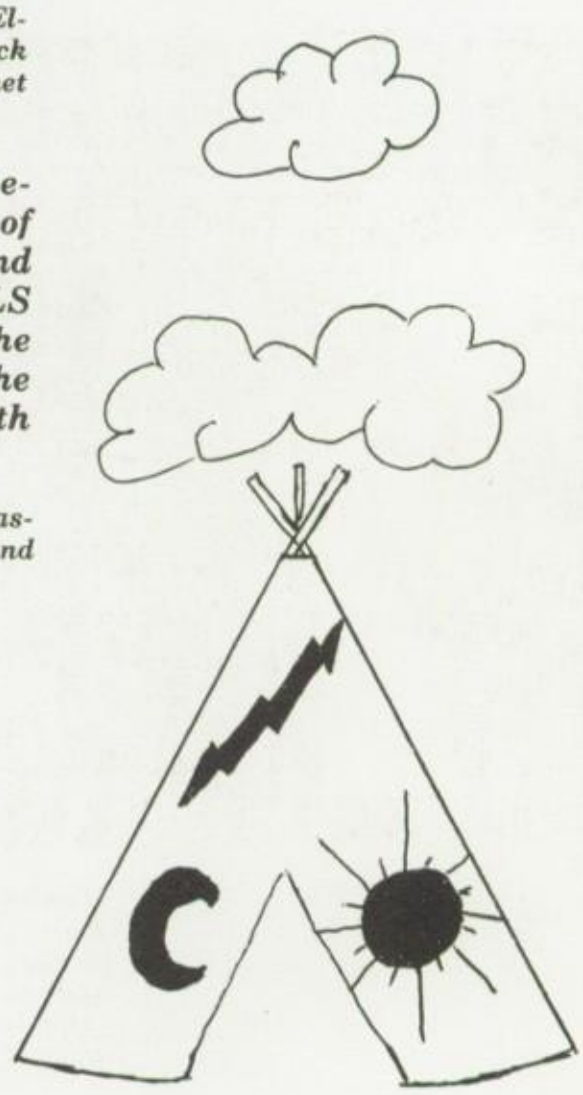
Members of the Library Club are: (Front Row) Beth Ellison — Pres., Bryan Loop — V.P., Willie Hall — Parl., Wesley Grubb — Treas., Mary Mercer — Rep., Susanne Ringley — Chap. (Middle Row) Inga King, Debbie Lusk, Frank King, Lolita Hanes, Janet Brown, and Winston Whalen. (Back Row) Miss Cason — Sponsor, Jenny Crigger, Sherry Underwood, Sheila Fielder, Joyce Parsons, Donna Crigger, J. J. Mitchell, Susie Kincer, Judy Bass, Robin Fracker, and Doris Crouse.

Smoke Signals

(Front Row) Susanne Ringley — Editor, Mary Mercer, Sheila Fielder, Mr. McDaniel — Advisor. (Middle Row) Debbie Hayden, Beth Ellison, Rebecca Huddle, Donna Crigger. (Back Row) Wesley Grubb, Wanda Dalton, Janet Brown, Joyce Parsons, Lolita Hanes.

Keeping the students of Rural Retreat High School well informed of every thing that was going on around them gave the SMOKE SIGNALS Staff a very full time job. With the supervision of Mr. McDaniel, the Newspaper staff ended their year with a success.

As Elizabeth Hagee and Donna Crigger assemble the loose papers, others stapled and delivered them.



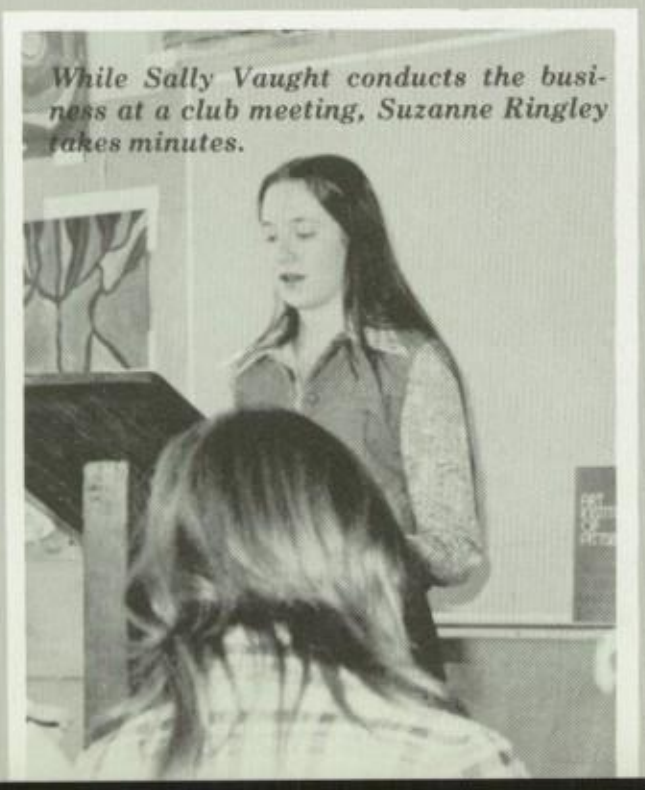
Forensics and Dramatics Club Wins District Meets

The Forensics and Dramatics Club had a very rewarding year. Students found themselves involved in many of the club's activities throughout the year. To raise money for the spring plays, the club sold old library books in the early fall. Members of the Forensics and Dramatics Club showed their acting abilities by creating a Tableau of the Nativity Scene at the Christmas assembly. Early spring found the club preparing for the annual three one-act plays. The club also helped host the Regional Forensics Meet on March 6.

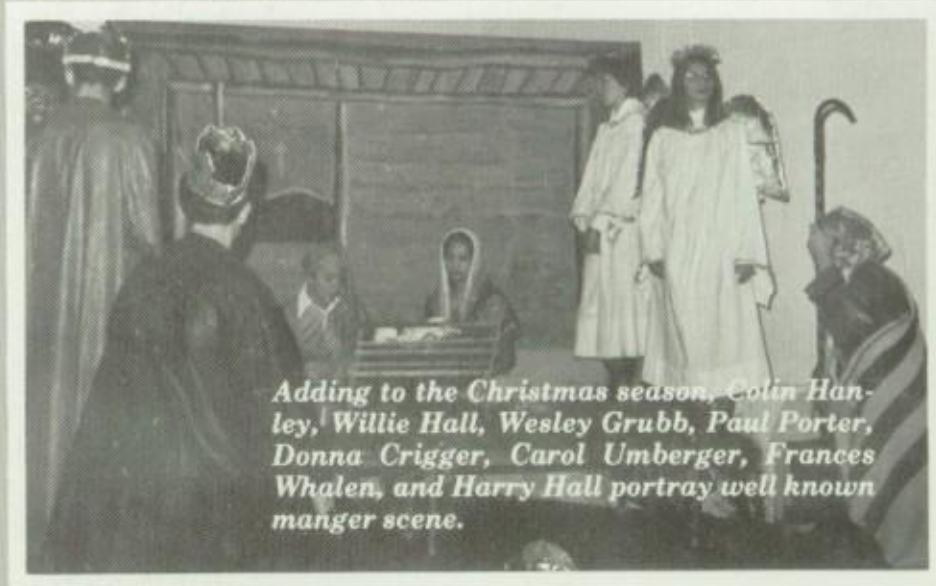
Attending club meetings is just one of the many jobs club sponsor Mrs. Cassell performs.

The Forensics and Dramatics Club devoted its time in furthering the development of penmanship, dramatics, speech and oratory in the school. This was accomplished by the hard work of the members of the club.

Members of Forensics are: (Front Row) Brian Loop, Jeff Bowling, Mrs. Cassell — Club Sponsor, Donna Houston — Chaplain-Historian, Suzanne Ringley — Secretary, Mary Mercer — Treasurer, Sally Vaught — President, Willie Hall, Paul Copenhaver. (Middle Row) Venita Hurt, Jayne Hall, Angie Jones, Carol Umberger, Doris Crouse, Teresa Rosenbaum, Alice Frye, Pat Porter, Janice Lahman, Harry Hall, Colin Hanley. (Back Row) Alice Vaught, Joy Hilton, Frances Whalen, Donna Crigger, Mona Steffan, Shelia Fielder, Kevin Blair, Paul Porter, Donald Reedy, Melissa Sage, Inga King. (Not pictured: Elizabeth Hagee — Vice President.)



While Sally Vaught conducts the business at a club meeting, Suzanne Ringley takes minutes.



Adding to the Christmas season, Colin Hanley, Willie Hall, Wesley Grubb, Paul Porter, Donna Crigger, Carol Umberger, Frances Whalen, and Harry Hall portray well known manger scene.

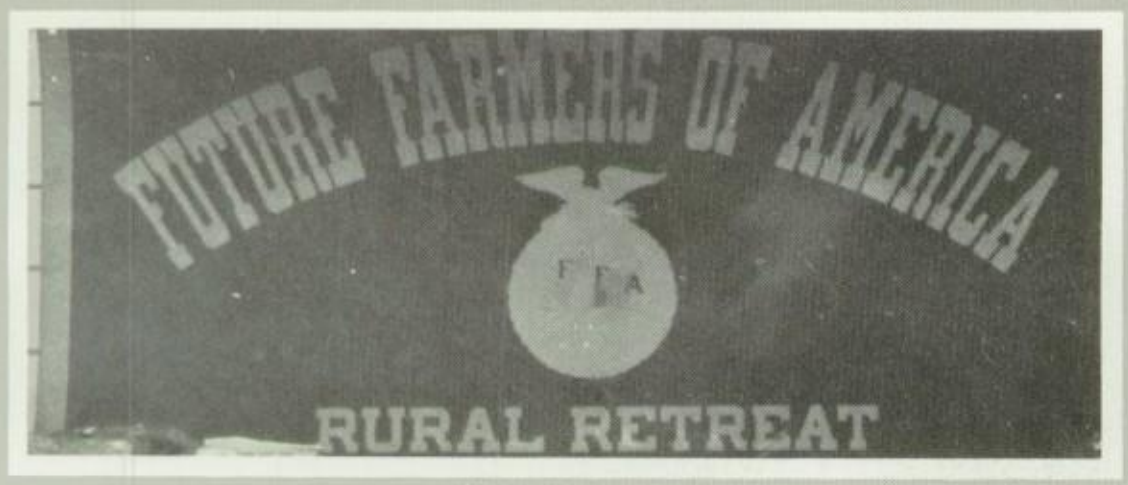
Distributive Education Clubs of America

Members of the DECA are: (Front Row) Mr. Danny McDaniel — Sponsor, Vicky Holbrook — Pres., Ozzie Umberger — V.P., Brenda Holbrook — second V.P., Wilma Walters — Sec., Joan Staley — Treas., Tony Parks — Rep., Debbie Testerman — Parl. (Second Row) Mary Vipperman, Vickie Thomas, Lois Grubb, Danny Bise, Denise Shupe, Nada Hurt. (Third Row) Patty Hackler, Becky Sexton, Vicki Crouse, Deanna Wohlford, Ken Langston, Larry Anderson. (Back Row) Bill Martin, Kevin Jennings, Wanda Dalton, Teddy Bumgardner, Wendell Six.

Gus Nelson, student DE teacher, says good-bye at a party given for him.

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) participated in competition. The events which were held at competition were: display, sales judging, and girl and boy student of the year. Those that went to competition and brought back certificates of award were: Mary Vipperman for parliamentary procedures, David Umberger for boy student of the year, Bill Martin for display, and Lois Grubb for girl student of the year.

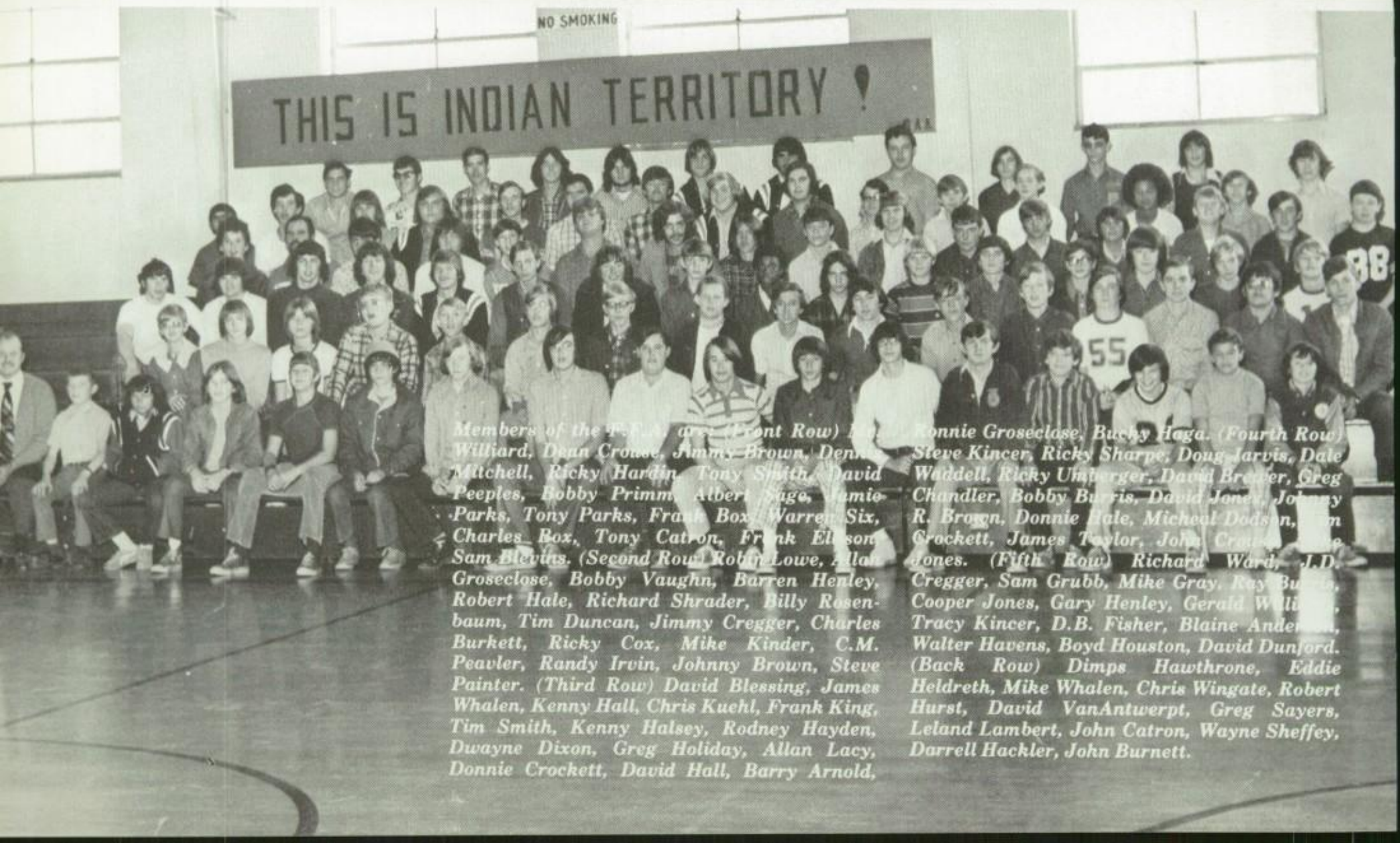
Pop and all kinds of goodies are gobbled down by Becky Sexton and Patty Hackler.



The Future Farmers of America had a very busy and successful year. At their meetings, there were a wide variety of activities ranging from reports to guest speakers to games. The F.F.A.'s main money-making project was selling an assortment of magazines. F.F.A. calendars and candy were also sold within the club. The F.F.A. and F.H.A. collaborated to produce the annual social. The year ended with the Father-Son Fish Fry and contestants were chosen to go to the State Convention to participate in Dairy and Livestock judging.

While waiting for the parade to start, Tony and Jamie Parks pose for the photographer.

During the annual F.H.A.-F.F.A. Social, Warren Six, David Dunford, John Burnett, and Charles Box take time out from their game to laugh at another wisecrack.



Members of the F.F.A. are: (Front Row) [illegible] Williard, Dean Crouse, Jimmy Brown, Denn[illegible] Mitchell, Ricky Hardin, Tony Smith, David Peeples, Bobby Primm, Albert Sago, Jamie Parks, Tony Parks, Frank Box, Warren Six, Charles Box, Tony Catron, Frank Ellison, Sam Blevins. (Second Row) Robin Lowe, Allan Groseclose, Bobby Vaughn, Barren Henley, Robert Hale, Richard Shrader, Billy Rosenbaum, Tim Duncan, Jimmy Cregger, Charles Burkett, Ricky Cox, Mike Kinder, C.M. Peavler, Randy Irvin, Johnny Brown, Steve Painter. (Third Row) David Blessing, James Whalen, Kenny Hall, Chris Kuehl, Frank King, Tim Smith, Kenny Halsey, Rodney Hayden, Dwayne Dixon, Greg Holiday, Allan Lacy, Donnie Crockett, David Hall, Barry Arnold, Ronnie Groseclose, Bucky Haga. (Fourth Row) Steve Kincer, Ricky Sharpe, Doug Jarvis, Dale Waddell, Ricky Umberger, David Brewer, Greg Chandler, Bobby Burris, David Jones, Johnny R. Brown, Donnie Hale, Micheal Dodson, [illegible]n Crockett, James Taylor, John Crat[illegible]e, Jones. (Fifth Row) Richard Ward, J.D. Cregger, Sam Grubb, Mike Gray, Ray Bu[illegible], Cooper Jones, Gary Henley, Gerald Wil[illegible], Tracy Kincer, D.B. Fisher, Blaine Ande[illegible], Walter Havens, Boyd Houston, David Dunford. (Back Row) Dimps Hawthrone, Eddie Heldreth, Mike Whalen, Chris Wingate, Robert Hurst, David VanAntwerpt, Greg Sayers, Leland Lambert, John Catron, Wayne Sheffey, Darrell Hackler, John Burnett.

FBLA and VICA — Get It Together

Members of the FBLA are: Donna Houston, Virginia Crockett, Elizabeth Hagee, Susie Johnson, and Sheila Stuart.

Preparing students for work is the purpose that the Wythe County Vocational School tries to carry out. Some students may go on to college but, for the most part, they are ready to begin working right away. The Vocational School offers courses in stenography and clerk typing which make up the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). And courses in cosmetology, auto mechanics, drafting, masonry, electricity, and electronics which make up the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA). Vocational School is something many people think about doing because after your high school education you are ready to go into the world and make a living for yourself.

Members of the VICA are: (Front Row) Jeff Hall, Keith Hoback, Marie Rudisill, Vickie Whalen, Dale Catron, Mike Whalen. (Back Row) Mike Gray, John Manuel, Victor Irvin, Doug Jarvis, James Whalen, Mark Atwell, Paul Copenhaver, and Chris Wingate.

New Intramurals Enjoyed by GAA

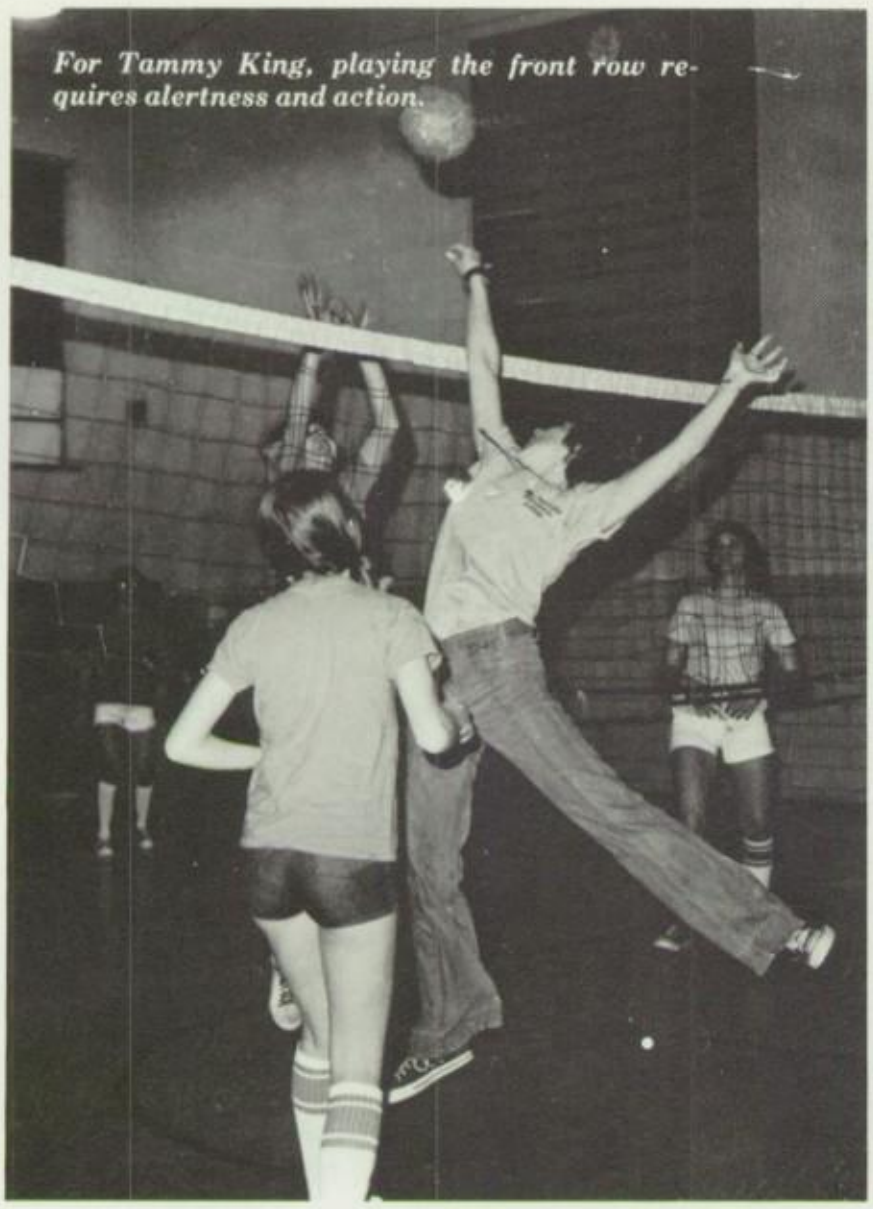
Members of the GAA are: (Bottom Row) Jean Richardson — Recorder of Points, Tammy King — Treas., Lisa King — Pres. — Parl., Ellen Wright — Sec., Esther Kincer — V.P.-Chap., Beth Johnson — Asst. Rec. of Points, Mrs. Milgrim — Sponsor. (Second Row) Beth Ellison, Sheri Wood, Pat Porter, Patti Tibbs, Vickie Whalen, Pam Johnson, Linda Martin, Debbie Brewster. (Third Row) Joan Staley, Wanda Brown, Ellen Cassell, Donna Fulton, Debby Delp, Donna Houston, Doris Crouse, Tammy Patton. (Fourth Row) Jeannie Brewster, Susanne Ringley, Susie Kincer, Brenda Hodge, Connie Smith, Liz Porter, Leisa Pack, Sharon Porter. (Fifth Row) Shelia Fielder, Lori Rosenbaum, Teddi Kincer, Judy Marshall, Janice Miller, Joy Hilton, Bobbi Burton, Ginny Crockett, Dianne McMillan. (Top Row) Lisa Spraker, Kathy Lyons, Linda Kinder, Jennifer Hall, Ann Haga, Debbie Jones, Kathy Cregger, Jo-Ann Frank, Janie Brewster, Carolyn Langston.

In addition to the basketball intramurals that have been held in previous years, several new sports were added to the list. Volleyball and softball intramurals were held for the first time. Many girls attended and enjoyed these new sports that helped to fill the long months until school was out.

Another project of the GAA was a new record board for girls who had outstanding basketball seasons. Money-making projects were selling doughnuts and candy.

Mrs. Milgrim felt that it was a very busy and fulfilling year because the club accomplished everything they set out to accomplish.

Along with serving as president of the GAA, playing tennis also occupies Lisa King's time.



For Tammy King, playing the front row requires alertness and action.

Players listen closely to Captain Mary Frank's instructions.

SINGLE GAME RECORDS			
POINTS	TAMMY PATTON	24	74
FREE THROWS	TAMMY PATTON	8	75
ASSISTS	LISA KING	8	74
REBOUNDS	ANN G. ROUNSHELL	21	73
SEASON AVERAGES			
POINTS	LISA KING	12	73
REBOUNDS	ANN G. ROUNSHELL	12	73
FREE THROWS	JEAN RICHARDSON	58%	75
INDIVIDUAL RECORDS			
ASSISTS-SEASON	LISA KING	48	74
REBOUNDS-SEASON	LISA KING	154	75
STEALS-SEASON	BONNIE	78	76
CAREER POINTS	LISA KING	486	73

A record board for the girls' basketball team is erected as a club project.

Height and the ability to jump are demonstrated by Esther Kincer.

A loose ball in the air brings conflict from all sides.

Monogram Club

Members of the Monogram Club are: (Bottom Row) Tony Parks, Harry Hall, Jerry Rhodes, Keith Hoback, Donnie Hayes — Pres., Rodney Maxey, Billy Joe Kinder — Sec.-Treas. (Second Row) Ricky Sharpe, Dale Waddell, Gary Hayes, Mike McMillan, Wesley Grubb, Greg Wood, Ricky Rhodes. (Third Row) Chris Wingate, Mike Gray, Colin Hanley, Gerald Williams — V.P., David VanAntwerp, Gary Alley. (Top Row) Michael Whalen, Richard Ward, Doug Jarvis, Greg Sayers, Andrew Tolley.

The Monogram Club functioned as an honorary organization to give recognition to the athletes of Rural Retreat High School. They again ran the concession stand at the boys' home basketball games under the direction of Mr. Robert Osborne.

The basketball team participates in a skit during the homecoming pep rally.

Monogram club members Anthony Boysaw and Colin Hanley try to block Mr. D.'s shot in the varsity-faculty basketball game.

Pep Club Keeps The Spirit Moving!

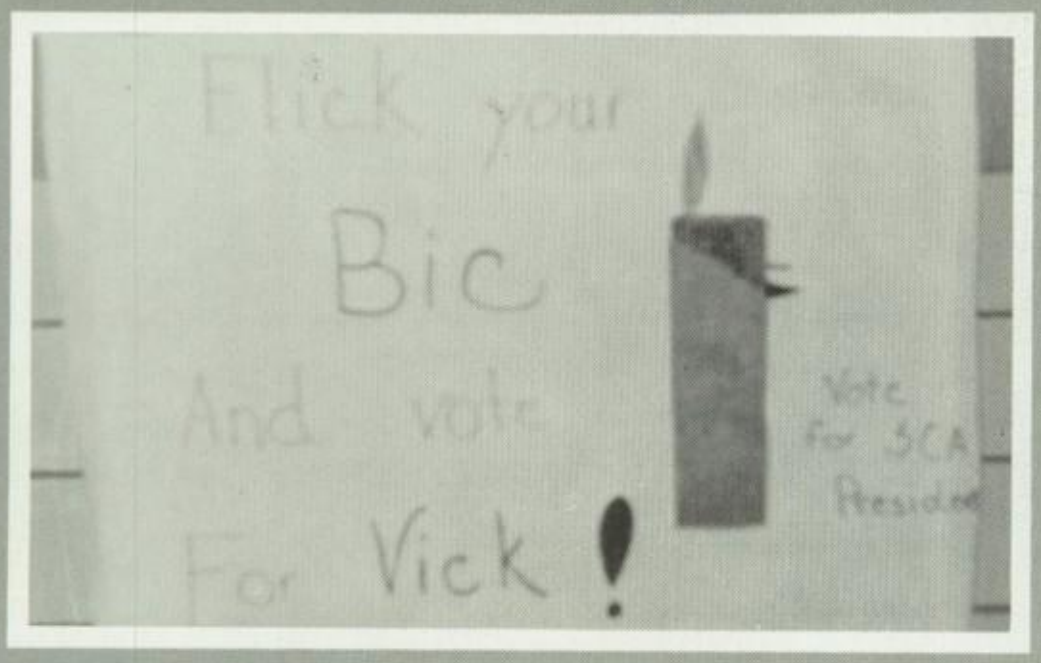
Members of the Pep Club are: (Front Row) Susie Kincer, Ellen Cassell, Sheila Fielder, Juanita Sexton, Patti Tibbes, Vickie Whalen, Ellen Wright, Lisa Spraker, Liz Porter, Janice Lahman, Sharon Porter. (Second Row) Judy Bass, Teddi Kincer, Lori Rosenbaum, Kathy Cregger, Debbie Jones, Donna Cregger, Ginny Crockett, Bobbie Burton, Esther Kincer, Leisa Pack, Vickie Holbrook, Brian Loop. (Third Row) Suzanne Ringly, Mary Mercer, Beth Ellison, Sheri Wood, Jean Richardson, Frank King, Lisa King, Tammy King, Doris Crouse, Denise Widener, Donnie Hayes, Winston Whalen. (Fourth Row) Susan Stuart, Tammy Grubb, Debbie Manuel, Greg Wood, David VanAntwerp, Rodney Maxey, Gary Alley, Ricky Rhodes, Billy Joe Kinder, Andrew Tolley, Wesley Grubb. (Back Row) Debbie Testerman. Connie Smith, Libby Davis, Katrina Lindamood, Melanie Slagle, Brownie Wingate, Lisa Tolley, Robin Fracker, Colin Hanley.

Pep Boosters cheer the Baseball team on to Victory.

Activities for the Pep Club were limited due to a combination of rising costs of travel and lack of funds. There was club support at all home games, which benefitted the teams. Perhaps in the future, members will be able to cheer on the team out of town as well as at home.

SCA Adopts New Constitution

Many campaign posters flank the halls during campaign week.



Keith Hoback, SCA President, makes the announcements before lunch.

Mark Wright, C.M. Peevler, and Donald Reedy ride the eighth grade float in the SCA sponsored Homecoming parade.

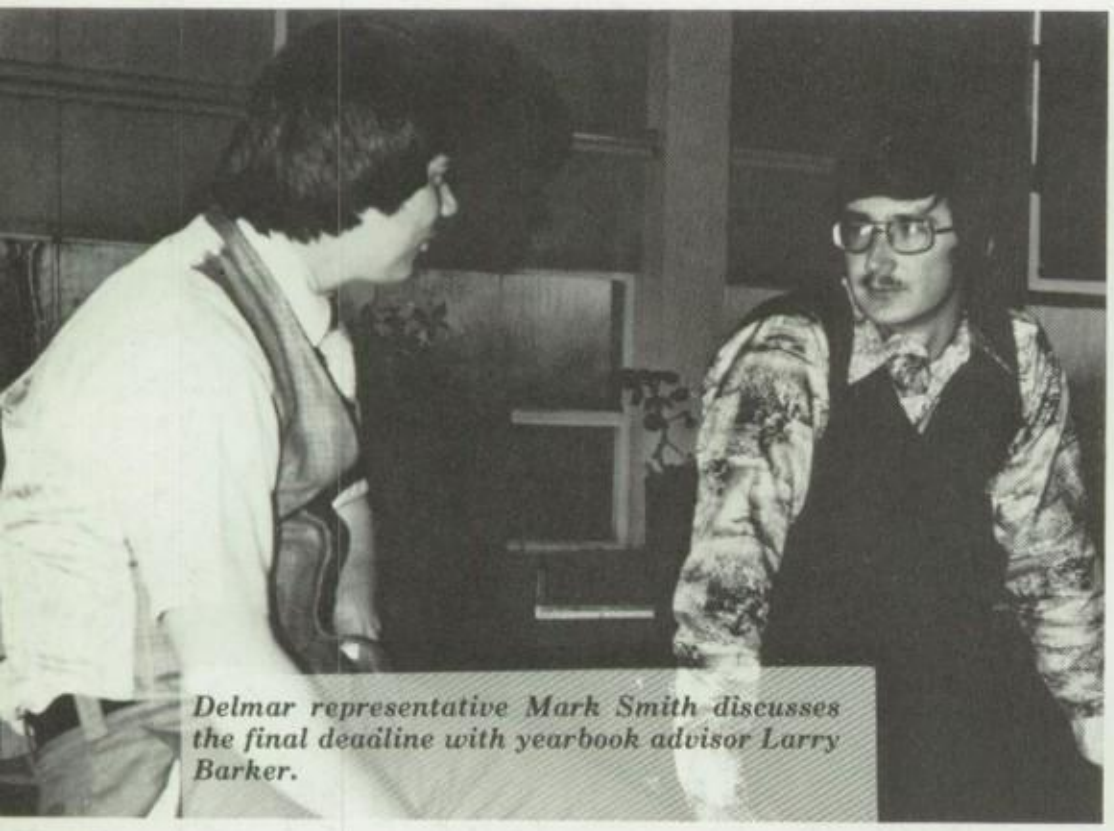
Prior to the campaign speeches, Co-sponsor Mrs. Irvin and Vice-President Patti Tibbs converse on the proper seating arrangement.

One of the major undertakings of the SCA was to adopt a new constitution. This was done on January 23, 1976. The SCA conducted the eighth grade orientation and also helped with preschool registration. The SCA sponsored the Homecoming parade. During the Christmas season they sponsored the door decoration contest. On February 14, along with the freshman class, the SCA co-sponsored the Basketball Homecoming Dance. As a money-making project the SCA also co-sponsored the beauty pageant, along with the D.E. Club. It was truly a year of cooperation between students and faculty.

Joan Staley and Andrew Tolley decorate their first period door for the door contest at Christmas.

The members of the SCA are: (Front Row) Linda Kinder — chap., Mrs. Vaughan — sponsor, Johnny Brown — parl., Keith Hoback — pres., Patti Tibbs — vice pres., Ann Haga — sec.-treas., Debby Delp — rep., Mrs. Irvin — sponsor. (Second Row) Vanessa Cornett, Jenny Crigger, Donna Crigger, Vickie Alley, Joan Staley, Vickie Holbrook, Sally Vaught. (Third Row) Tammy Patton, Melissa Sage, Sheri Wood, Doris Crouse, Janie Brewster, Virginia Crockett, Lisa King. (Fourth Row) Tammy King, Judy Wohlford, Mary Vipperman, Donald Burton, Jeff Bowling, Beth Ellison, Roger Nichols. (Back Row) Harry Hall, Wesley Grubb, Colin Hanley, Mike McMillan, Gregg Wood, Frank King.

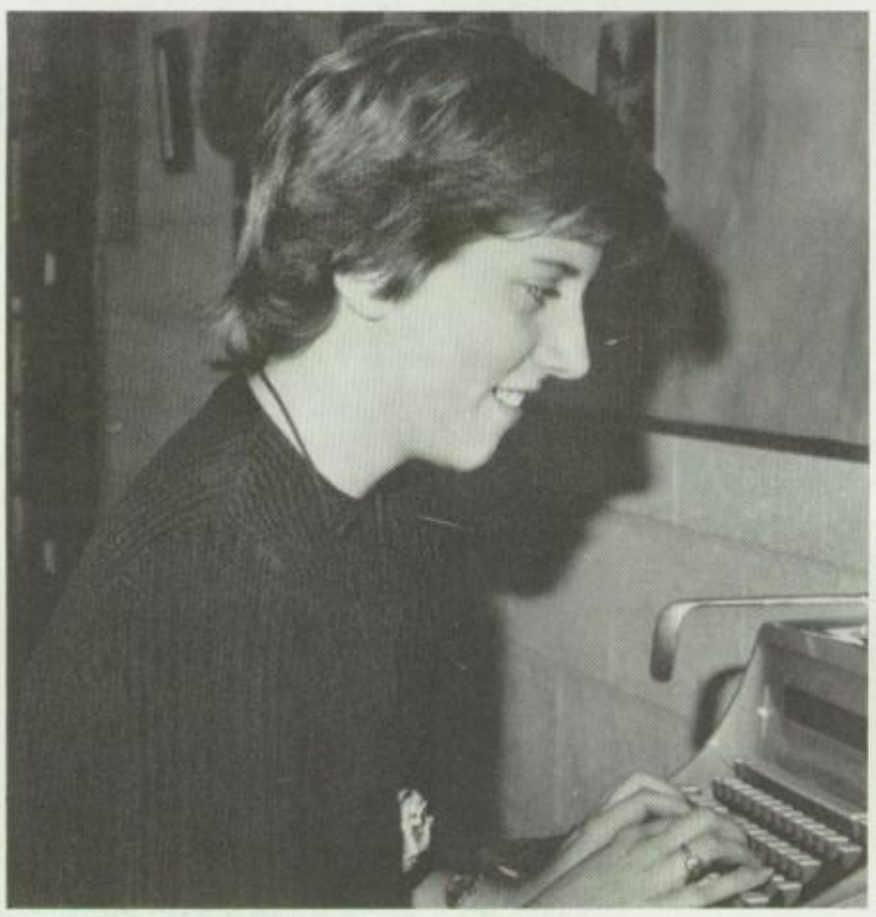
Co-sponsor Mrs. Vaughan thinks about how to handle the upcoming SCA elections.



Delmar representative Mark Smith discusses the final deadline with yearbook advisor Larry Barker.

'75 RURALVALLE Takes Top Honors In State

Before taking pictures, Doris Crouse and Melissa Sage watch a tennis match.



Before completing her layout, Carol Umberger types captions.

Looking up from her work, Vickie Alley laughs over a story told by another staff member.

Melissa Sage and Rita Hurst pose with the 1975 RURALVALEE and the winning plaque.

The 1975 RURALVALEE received the highest score of any yearbook judged by the Virginia High School League. For this accomplishment, the league presented Rural Retreat High School with an engraved plaque.

Getting off to an early start, Debby Delp and Doris Crouse attended the Delmar workshop at Longwood College. Bringing back new ideas, staff members became aware of different ways to make the 1976 yearbook unique.

Senior members used either fifth or sixth period to work on the annual and the entire staff combined efforts after school. By recording the events of the year, staff members contributed an important service to the student body.

ally Vaught hands a completed layout to ebby Delp for her to proofread.

Members of the 1976 RURALVALEE Staff are: Mr. Barker, Doris Crouse, Melissa Sage, Vickie Alley, Debby Delp, Sally Vaught, Beth Johnson, Mona Steffan, Pat Porter, Winston Whalen, Randall Hodge, Dennis Roberts, Angie Jones, Jeff Bowling, and Carol Umberger.

Just before the Homecoming parade begins, Greg Wood adjusts his war bonnet.

Is Chris Wingate seriously considering the Air Force? Dean Tolley, James Whalen, and Kacey Woodhaugh aren't.

Whether it was a funny face, a silly grin, a sad look, or a loving smile, each mug shot had its beginnings. There was always something behind the scenes that brought about the convicting appearances — the latest joke, what someone did last night, our favorite song, breaking up, or any of the millions of incidents that were reported every day. The following pictures have been examined and the persons observed by fellow "cell-mates" and "homework gang" supervisors. Each one has been scheduled for parole from books and classes at the end of his nine month sentence. From there, it will be more beginnings.

Putting their English and French aside, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Cassell, and Mrs. Huddle make "perfect" cheerleaders.

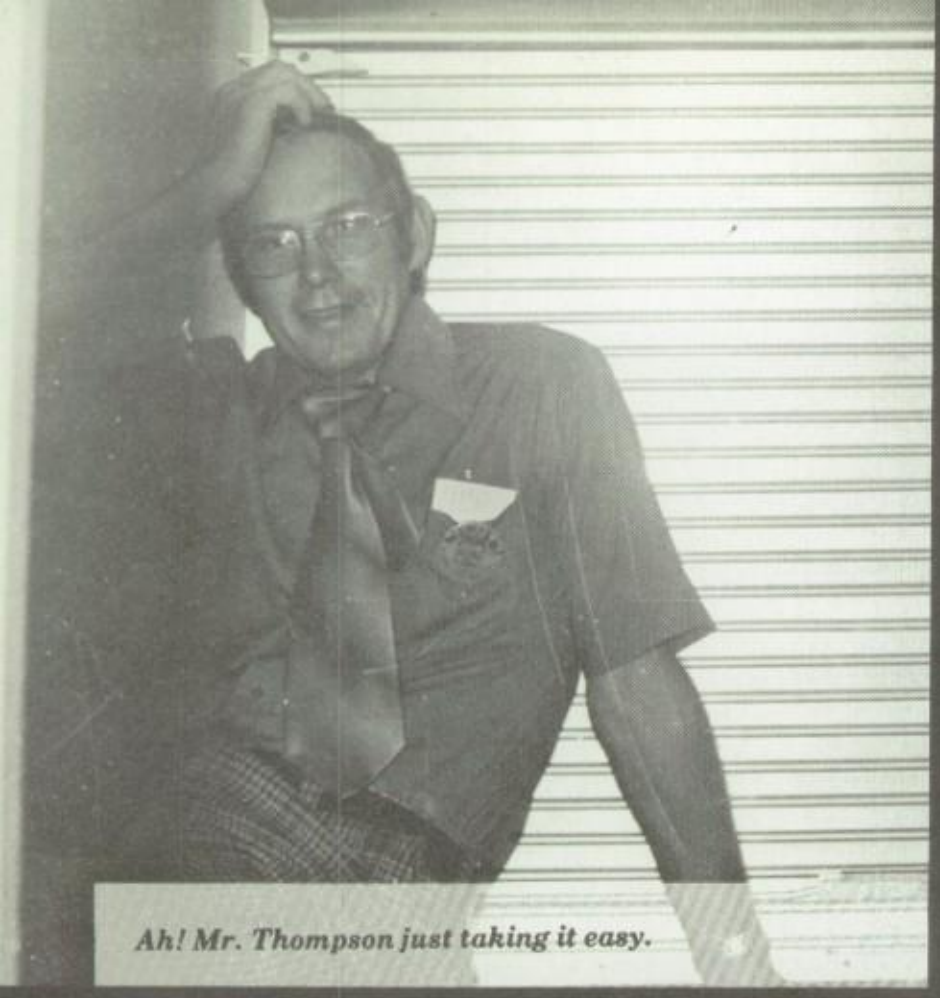
"My name is Anthony Stuart. I think I owe three dollars on my annual."

Anytime the Air Force recruiter visits, he is sure to have a large Senior audience.

Drinking a Coke before the forensics meet, Ricky Martin believes that it is the real thing.

MUG SHOTS

Quit [illegible] Janice, Frances Crockett, An[illegible]va, and Kathy Cregger are not paying you[illegible] attention.

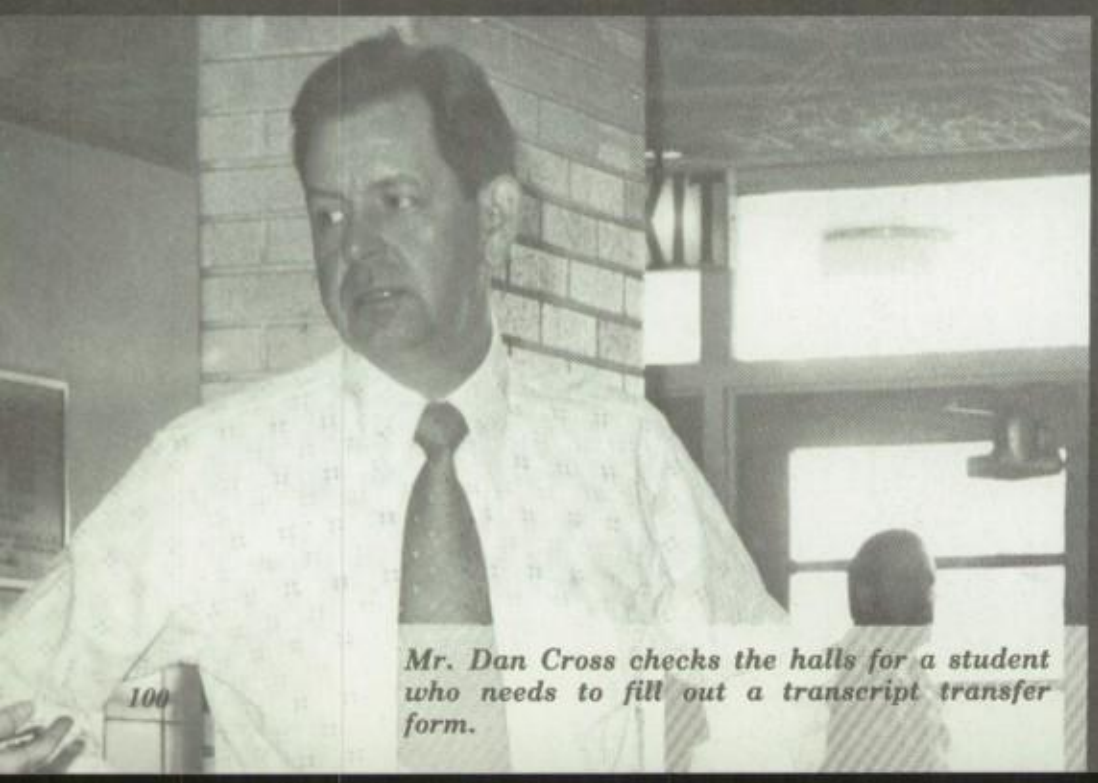


Ah! Mr. Thompson just taking it easy.

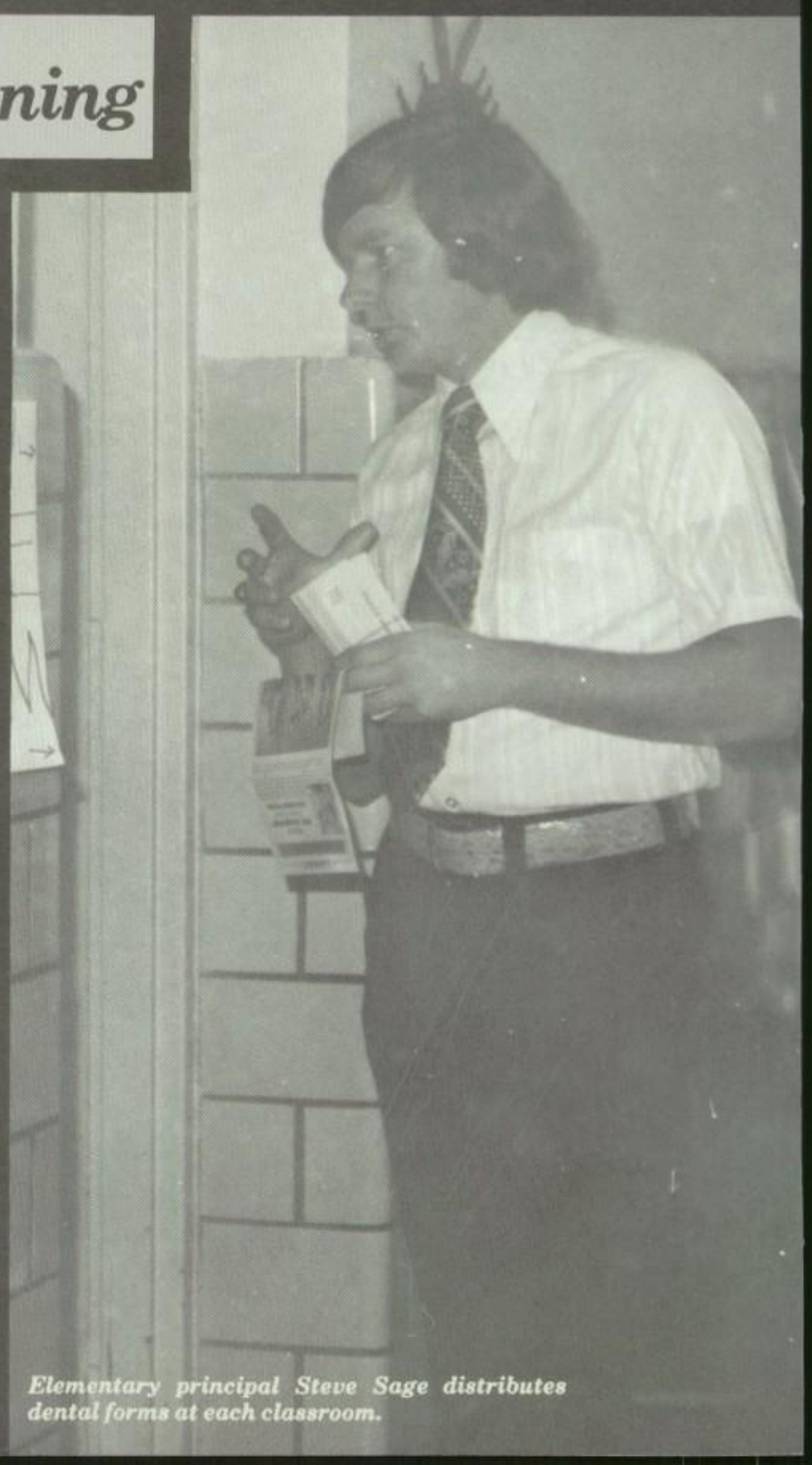
Mr. and Mrs. Milton proudly present their grandson at the opening basketball game.

Another Year-Another Beginning

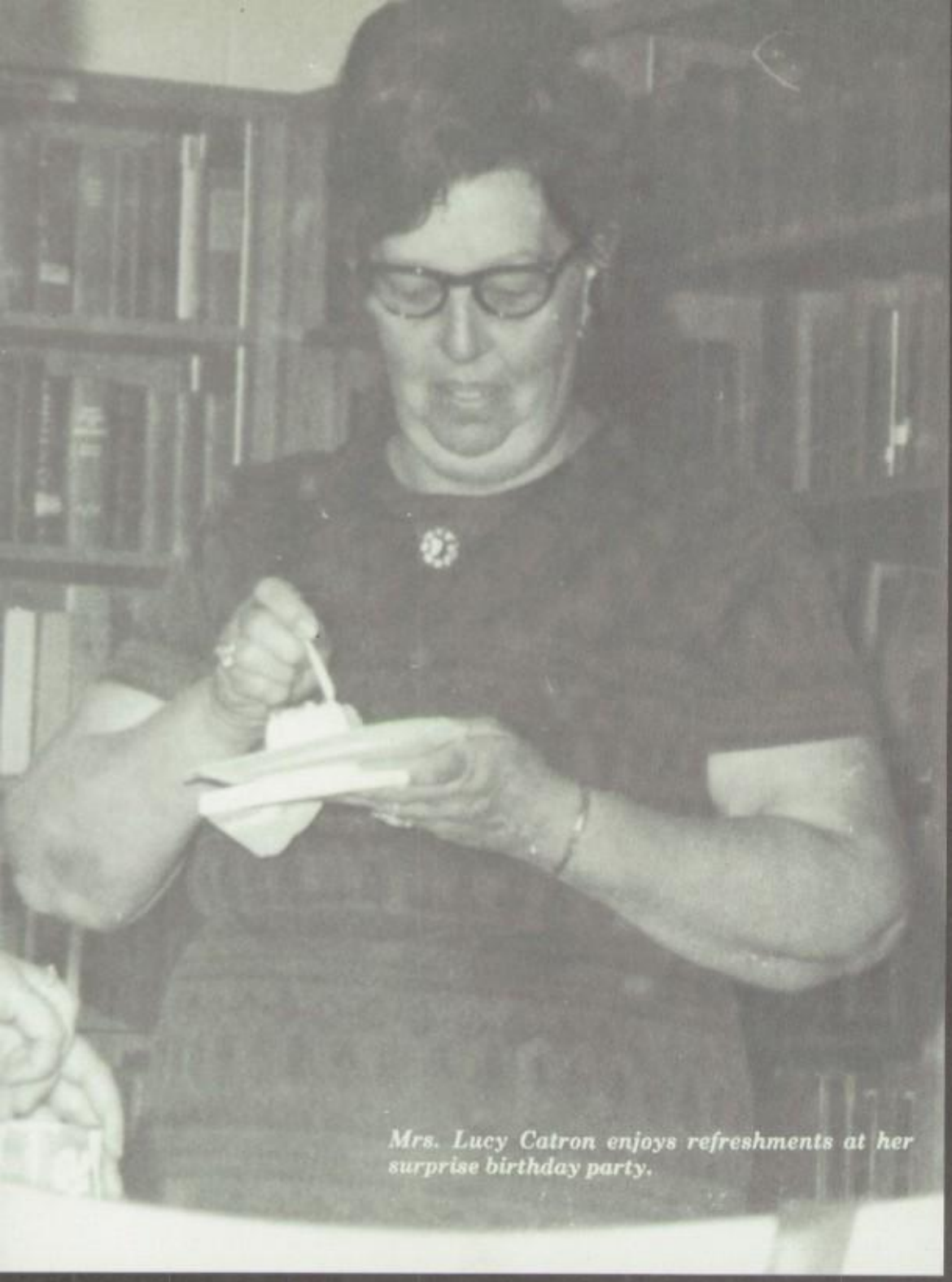
Get your ticket with a smile from Chesley Musser.



Mr. Dan Cross checks the halls for a student who needs to fill out a transcript transfer form.



Elementary principal Steve Sage distributes dental forms at each classroom.



Mrs. Lucy Catron enjoys refreshments at her surprise birthday party.

At Gus Nelson's farewell party, Mr. Danny McDaniel asks for more cake.

Seniors are given a refresher course on the library by Miss Ann Cason.

On her last day at RRHS, Mrs. Wilma Coe is given a cake by Janet Vaughan.

As school began in August, faculty members were swamped with questions from an ever-changing student body. New teachers at Rural Retreat felt confused at times, but an experienced teacher was always available to help. During their planning periods, teachers graded mounds of students' work and prepared for the following classes.

Mr. Doug Branson gets basketballs from the phys. ed. office for his class.

Mr. Robert Osborne and Mr. Joe Lineberry enjoy a round of "tug of war" during Troy Kincer Week.

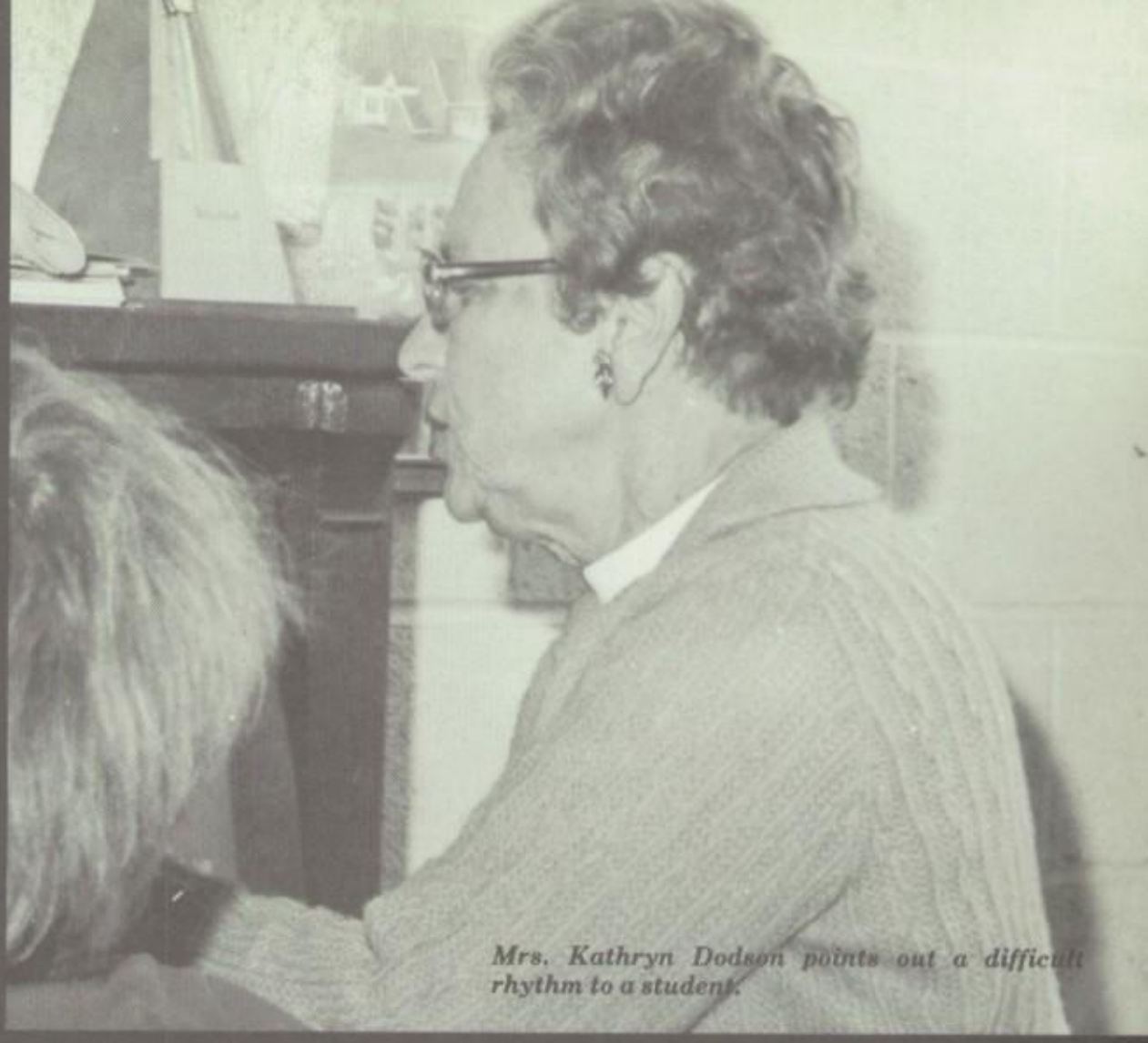
Teachers Get Involved With Students

Mrs. Janie Alley assists Title III students with a cassett recorder.

Mr. Jack Dutton gives instructions to his class before he washes uniforms.

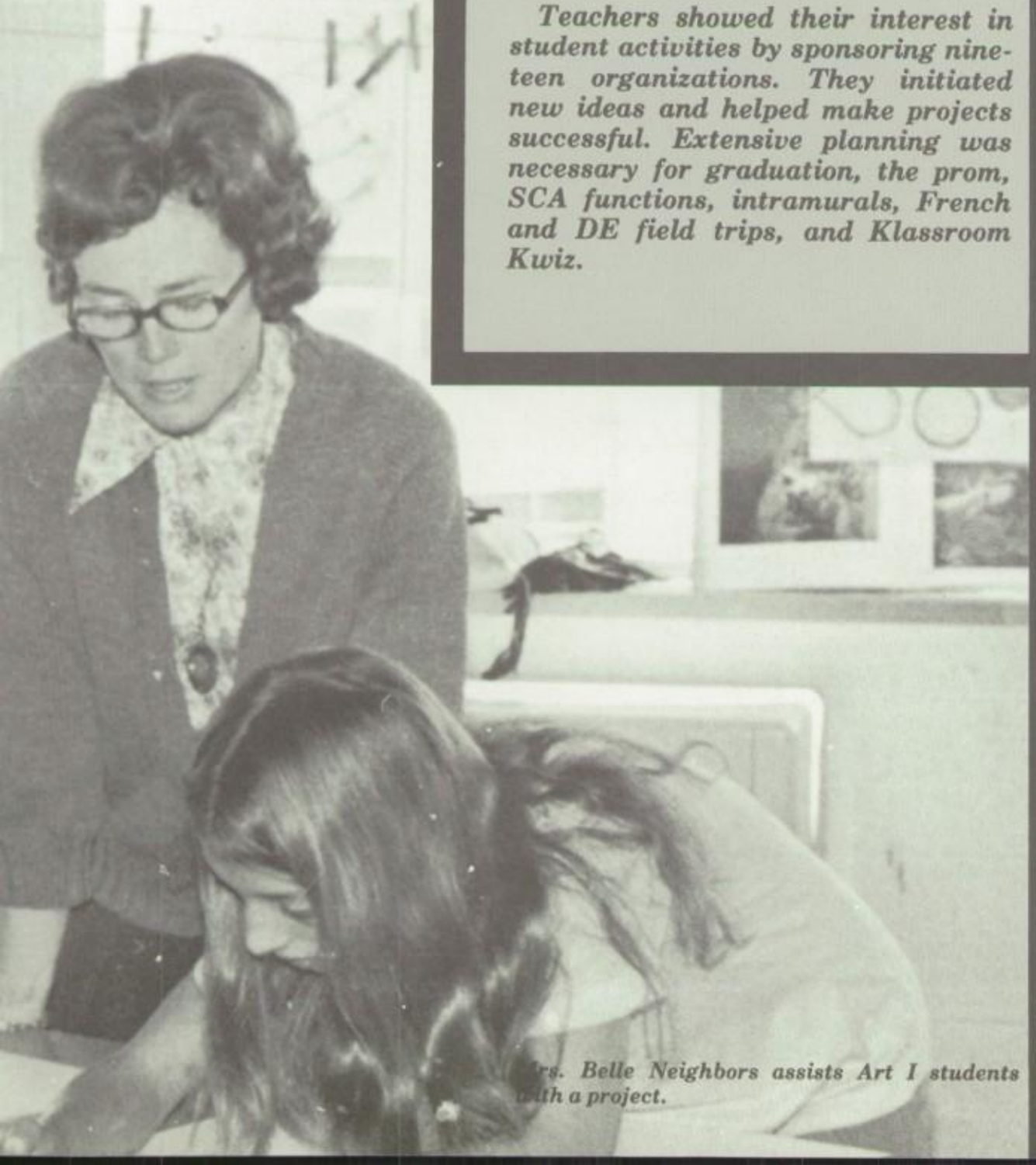
Mrs. Frances Vaughan sits down in the library before a faculty meeting begins.

Mrs. Pat Milgrim finds an answer to a student's health test amusing.



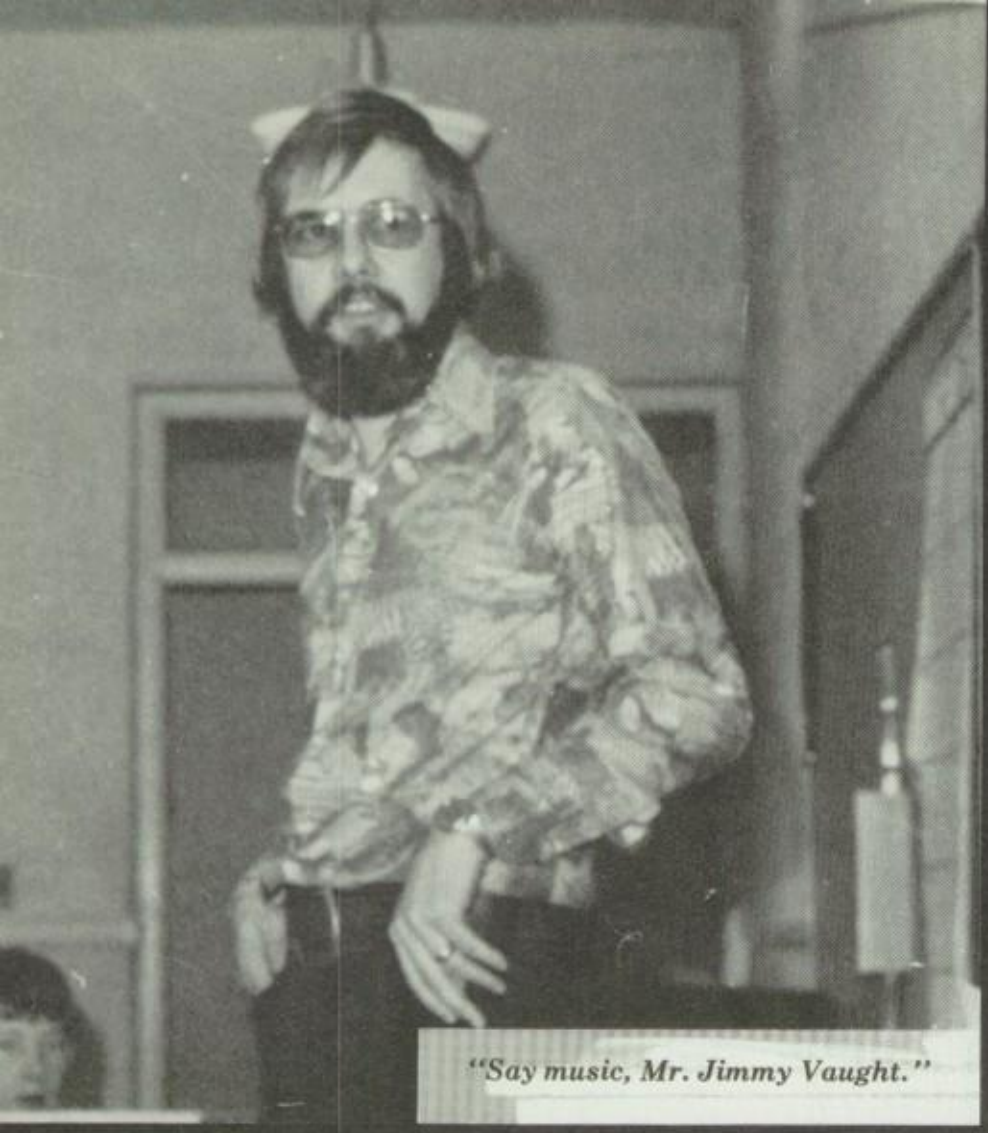
Mrs. Kathryn Dodson points out a difficult rhythm to a student.

Teachers showed their interest in student activities by sponsoring nineteen organizations. They initiated new ideas and helped make projects successful. Extensive planning was necessary for graduation, the prom, SCA functions, intramurals, French and DE field trips, and Klassroom Kwiz.



rs. Belle Neighbors assists Art I students ith a project.

Mrs. Sheila Arnold waits for punch at Mrs. Coe's farewell party.



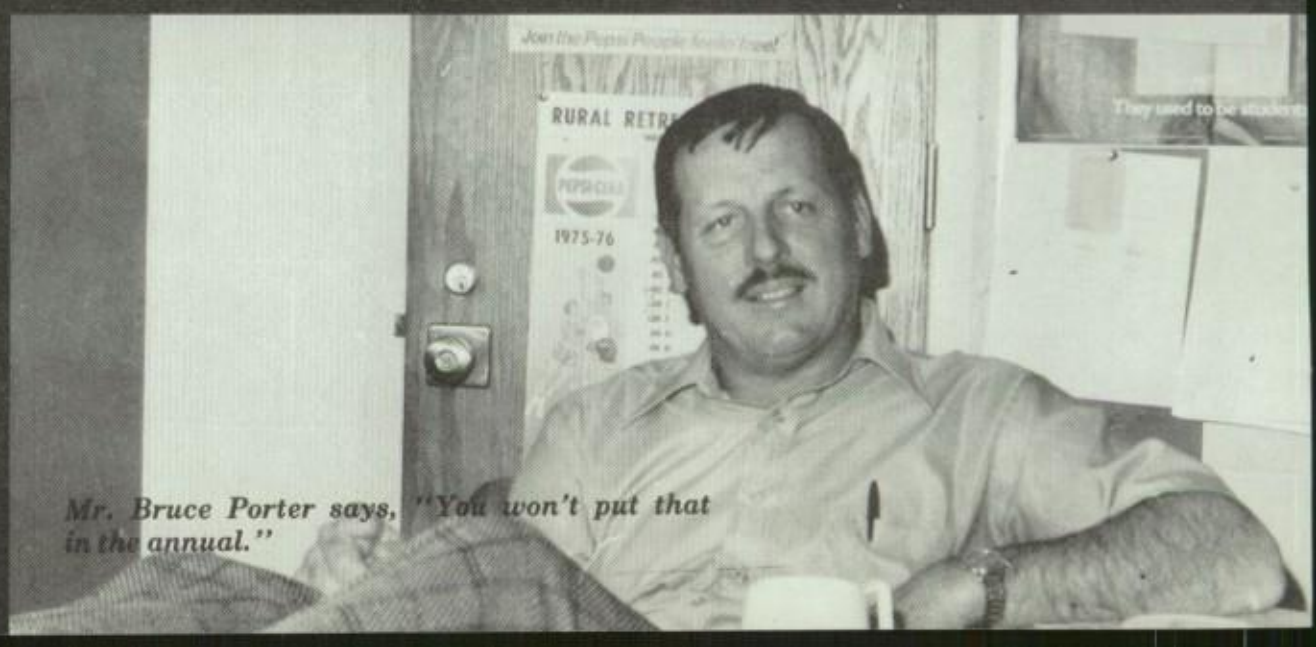
"Say music, Mr. Jimmy Vaught."

The puppy is a welcomes stu... Shupe's geometry class.

Faculty Welcomes Six Student Teachers

Christmas time finds Mrs. Nina Bowling as a guest at the FHA buffet.

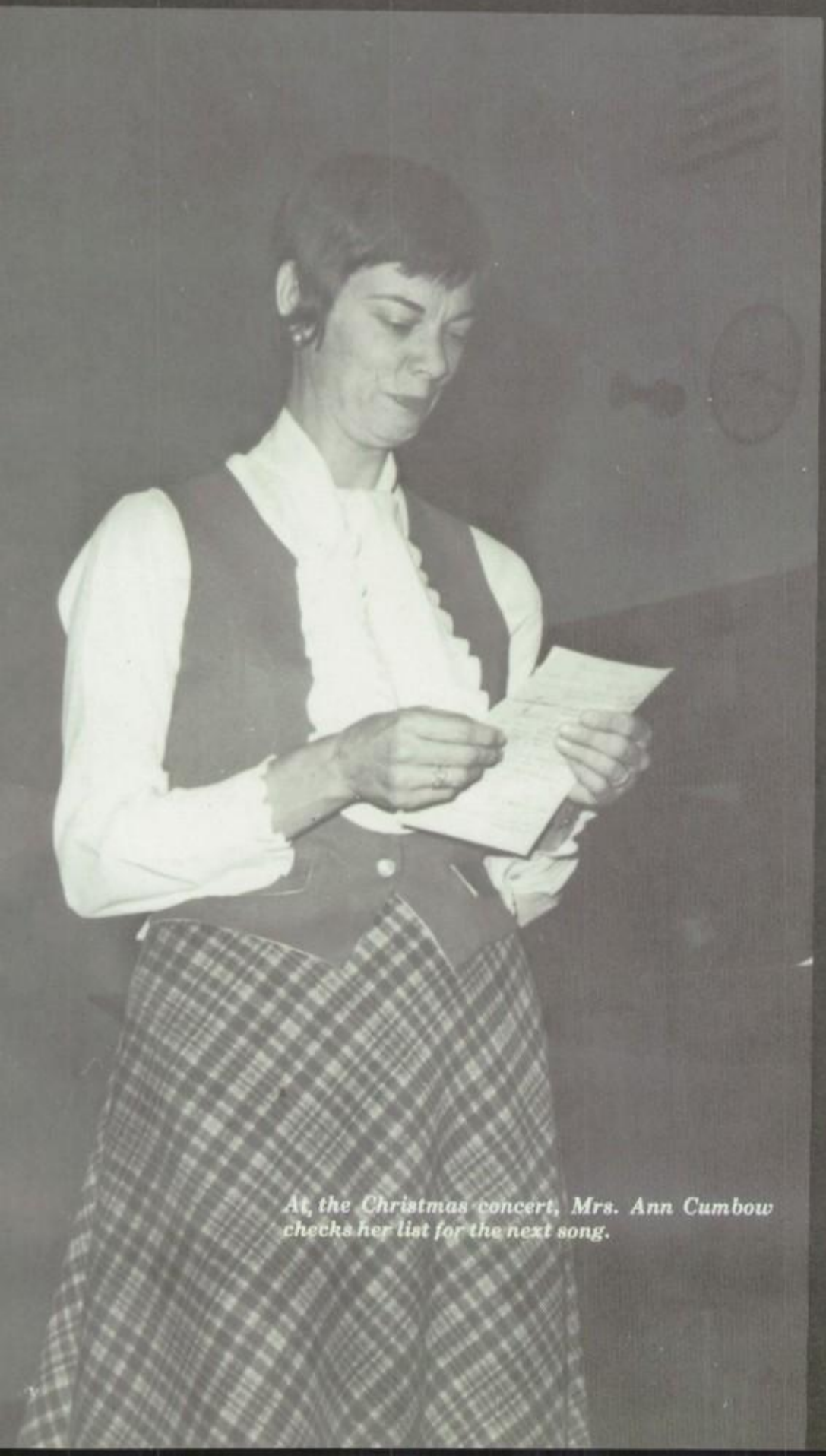
Among the teachers attending Mrs. Catron's birthday party are Mr. J.W. Willard and Mr. James Fishel.



Mr. Bruce Porter says, "You won't put that in the annual."

The teacher's lounge serves as a lunchroom for Mrs. Betsy Ely.

...en if she must stand, Mrs. Lois Litz at-...ds pep rallies.



At the Christmas concert, Mrs. Ann Cumbow checks her list for the next song.

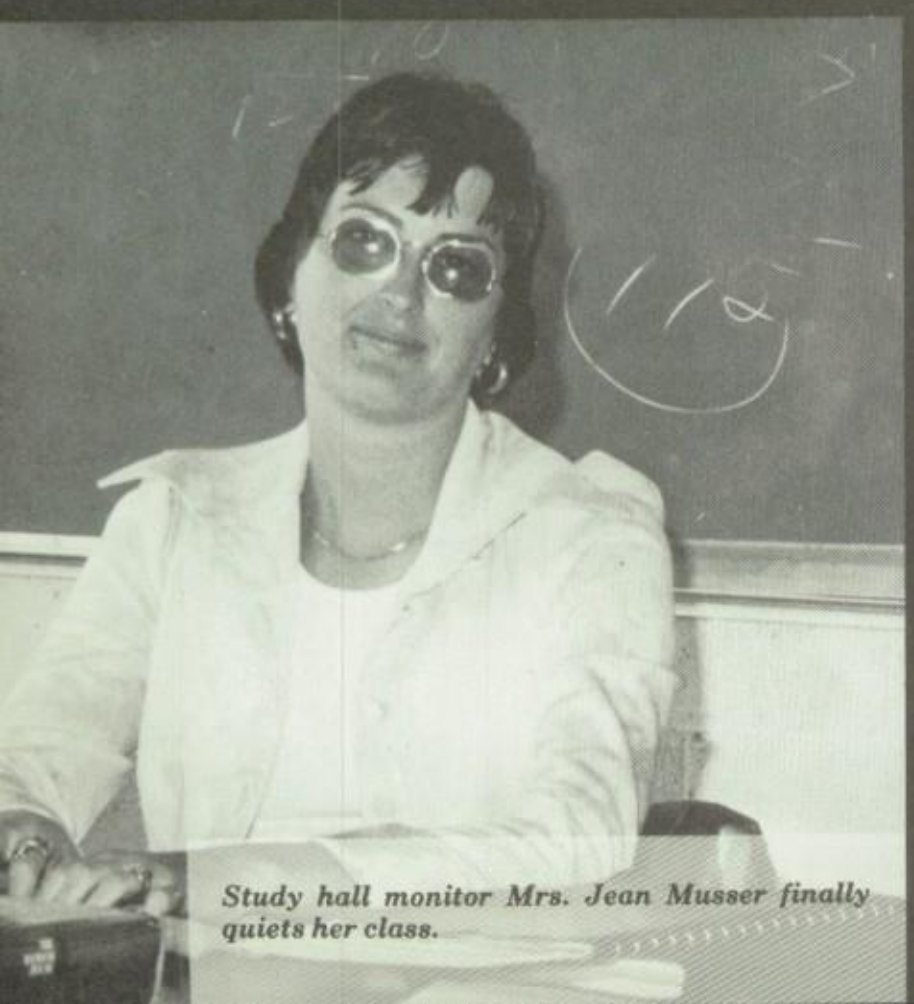
Six student teachers brightened the classrooms with new ideas. The faculty welcomed them graciously because it eased their load some. Radford College sent Mrs. Joyce Untiedt — government and math, Miss Pamela Hudson — home economics, Miss Vickie Corvin — physical education, Mrs. Susan Porter — chorus, and Miss Melinda Wyrick — English. Mr. Gus Nelson — distributive education — came from Virginia Tech.

Mr. Robert Copenhaver and Richard Ward discuss the upcoming fish fry at the FFA-FHA social.

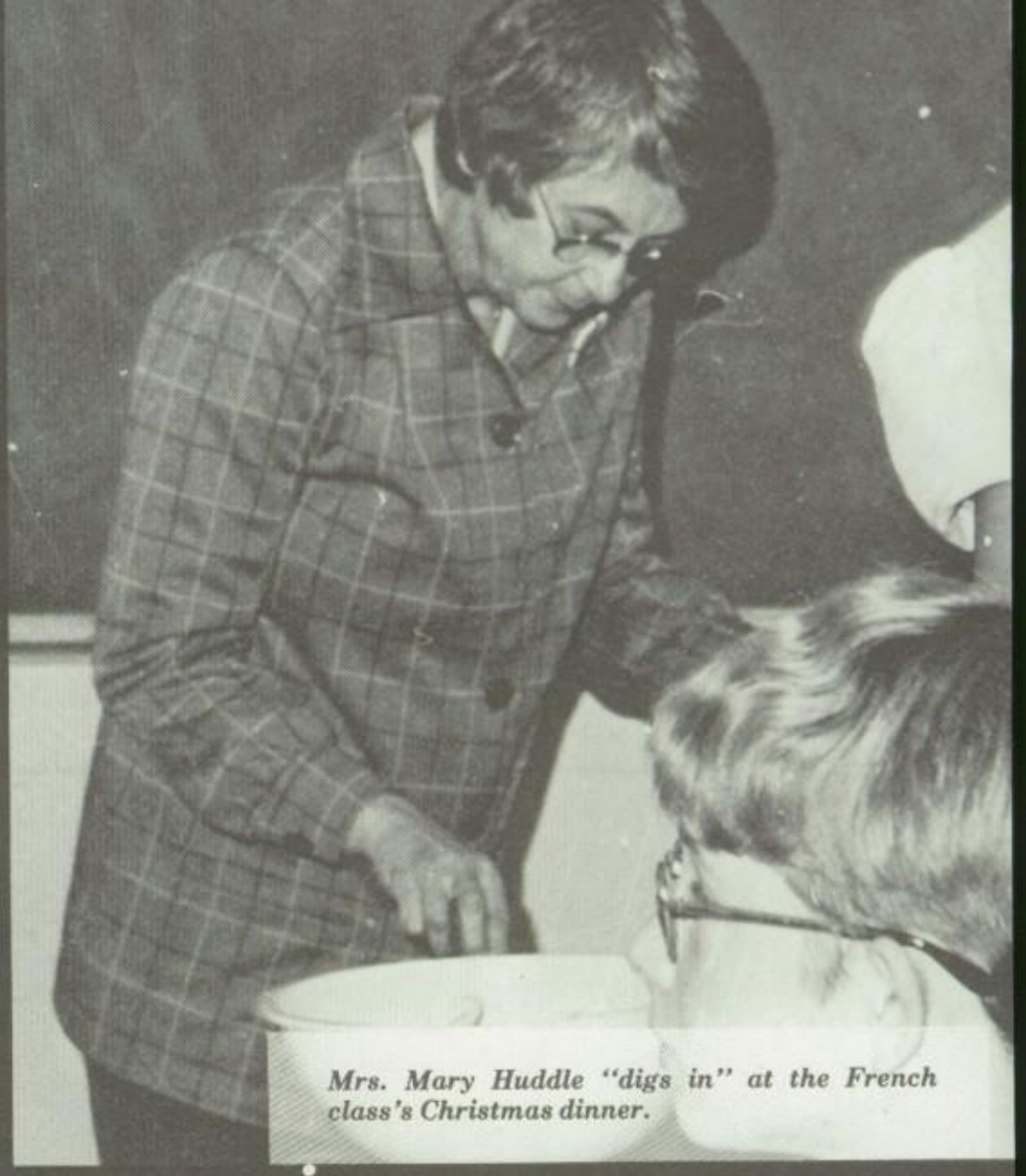
Mrs. Edith Irvin gives a sign of relief that her year as SCA sponsor is over.

Hobbies Interest Teachers

Varsity football coach Doug Bryant also attends J.V. games.



Study hall monitor Mrs. Jean Musser finally quiets her class.

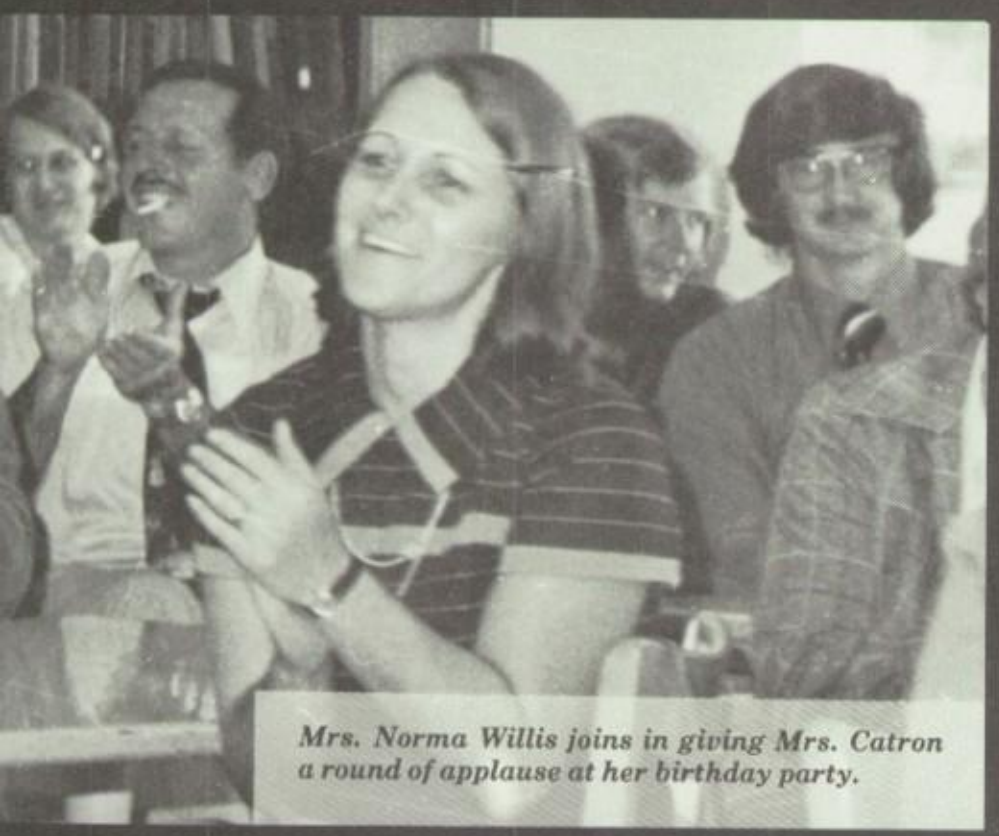


Mrs. Mary Huddle "digs in" at the French class's Christmas dinner.

At the eighth grade dance, Mrs. Mary Cassell greets everyone with a smile.

At the annual staff's Christmas party, Mr. Larry Barker aids his daughter Allison with the pinball machine.

Mrs. Mary Katherine Jones listens as a student reads a story from Scope magazine.



Mrs. Norma Willis joins in giving Mrs. Catron a round of applause at her birthday party.

An elementary student checks her time in the 600 with Mr. Robin Thacker.

Mr. Sidney Crockett instructs students in his second period class.

A survey of the faculty revealed a variety of special interests and hobbies. They ranged from golf to refinishing furniture, fishing to sewing, camping to photography, reading to gardening. Teachers found time to occupy themselves resourcefully after school hours.

Bicentennial Seniors Prepare For "New Life"

Cleadith Ann Arnold

Jeffrey Blair Bowling

Mark Stephen Atwell

Timothy Byron Brewer

Vickie Jane Alley

Senior class officers are Paul Copenhaver — Rep., Tammy Patton — Hist., Colin Hanley — Pres., Pam Johnson — Treas., Bobbie Burton — Sec., and Jeff Bowling — V.P.

ALLEY, VICKIE JANE: Basketball 9, 10, 11, Co-Captain 9, 10; FHA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Sec. 10, Degree Sec. 11, V.P. 12; GAA 8, 9, 10, 11; Pep 8, 9; NHS 11, 12, Parl. 11, Rep. 12; RURALVALEE Staff 11, 12, Asst. Bus. Mgr. 11, Bus. Mgr. 12; SCA 9, 12; Algebra Award 8, 11, Geometry Award 10, English Award 10, 11, World History Award 9, French II Award 10, Valedictorian, Governor's School for the Gifted 12, Klassroom Kwiz 12; Junior Play; Forensics Meet 11.

ARNOLD, CLEADITH ANN: Chorus 8; DECA 10; HERO Parl. 11.

ATWELL, MARK STEPHEN: Transfer from Marion Senior High School (Marion, VA) 10; Band 8; Science 8, 9; Gun Club 8, 9; VICA 12.

BOWLING, JEFFREY BLAIR: Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Jazz Ensemble 9, 10, Section Leader 10, 11, 12, U.T. Band Clinic 10, 11, All-County 9, 10, 11, 12, All-Regional 11, 12; SCA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Club of the Year Comm. 8, 9, 10, Chrmn. 9, 10, Const. Comm. 12; Class Treas. 9, V.P. 10, 12, Pres. 11; NHS 11, 12, Hist. 11, V.P. 12; Forensics 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Forensics Plays 8, 9, Junior Play, Forensics Meet 12; RURALVALEE Staff 11, 12, Asst. Copy Ed. 11, Staff 12; Civics Award 8, World History Award 9, Algebra II Award 10, Advanced Math Award 11, Student of the Week 12, DAR Good Citizenship Award 12, Klassroom Kwiz 12, U.N. Seminar 11, National Science Foundation Program in Ecology 12.

BREWER, TIMOTHY BYRON: Basketball 8; Football 11, 12; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

The graduating class of Rural Retreat High School joined thousands of other Seniors across the country as the Bicentennial Class of 1976. Seniors prepared for a "new life" after graduation. To some it meant planning for college, marriage, the military, or an occupation. However, these dreams were interrupted with exams and term papers. Seniors earned the respect of other students as leaders in numerous clubs and organizations.

Deborah Delorse Brown

Barbara Jo Burton

Dale Robert Catron

Paul Pierce Copenhaver

James Dean Cregger

Ethel Marie Crockett

Virginia Mae Crockett

Lunchtime often finds Sally Paight studying for a government test.

BROWN, DEBORAH DELORSE: Chorus 8, 9, 11; FHA 8, 9, 10, Parl. 9, Hist. 10; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11; Library 10; DECA 11; NHS 11, 12.

BURTON, BARBARA JO: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Most Valuable Player 10; Gymnastics 9, 10, Gymnastics Award 9; Cheerleader 8, 9, 10, 11, Capt. 9, 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Sec. 11, 12; FHA 9, 10; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Class Chap. 9, Sec. 12; SCA 8, 10, Sec. 10; Phys. Ed. Award 8; Valentine's Princess 8, Basketball Princess 10, Football Homecoming Queen 12.

CATRON, DALE ROBERT: Baseball 11, 12; FFA 8, 9, 10, 12.

COPENHAVER, PAUL PIERCE: FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, V.P. 11; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; VICA 12; SCA V.P. 11; Class Treas. 8, Sec. 11, Rep. 12; Junior Play, Forensics Plays 11, 12; King College Scholastic Achievement Award 12.

CREGGER, JAMES DEAN: Baseball 11, 12; Track 11; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.

CROCKETT, ETHEL MARIE: Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; GAA 11, 12; DECA Chap. 11; Homecoming Court 12.

CROCKETT, VIRGINIA MAE: Basketball Mgr. 10, 11, 12; Boys' Basketball Scorekeeper 10, 11, 12; Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Rep. 10, Capt. 11, 12; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Pres. 11, 12; Forensics 8, 9, 10, 11; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12, Sec. 12; FBLA 11, 12, Rep. 11, Sec. 12; Chorus 9; SCA 11, 12.

Seniors Sponsor Homecoming Gala

Mary Jean Frank

William Michael Gray

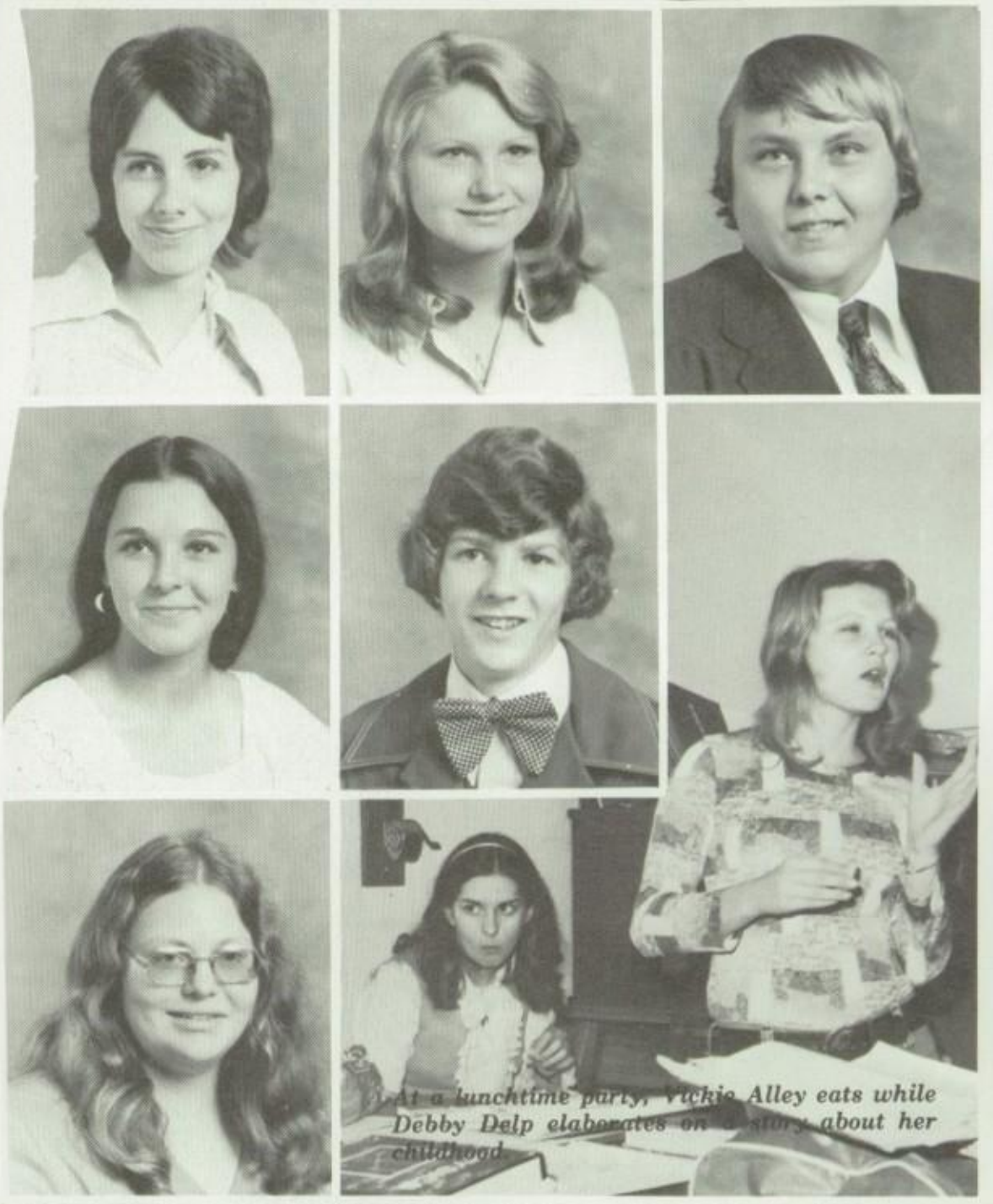
Wanda Sue Dalton

Elizabeth Dianne Davis

Debra Jean Delp

Darlene Kay Davisson

Dennis Bruce Fielder



At a lunchtime party, Vickie Alley eats while Debby Delp elaborates on a story about her childhood.

DALTON, WANDA SUE: Transfer from Andrew Lewis High School (Salem, VA) 9; FHA 10, 11, 12; Chorus 10; DECA 12.
DAVIS, ELIZABETH DIANNE: Transfer from George Wythe High School (Wytheville, VA) 11; FHA 8, 9, 10, HERO 11; Chorus 9.
DAVISSON, DARLENE KAY: Transfer from South Pittsburg High School (South Pittsburg, TN) 9; 4-H 8; Art 8; Chorus 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, All-Regional 10, 12; Library 10, 11; Pep 9, 10, 11.
DELP, DEBRA JEAN: Basketball 9, 10, 11; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11; FHA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Rep. 9, Treas. 10, 11, Degree Sec. 12; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12, Treas. 10, 11; NHS 11, 12, Treas. 11; SCA Rep. 12; RURALVALEE Staff 10, 11, 12, Copy Ed. 11, Asst. Copy Ed. 10; Class Chap. 8, Treas. 11; French Award 10; Snow Queen 12.
FIELDER, DENNIS BRUCE: Basketball 8; Football 9; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep 8; SCA 12.
FRANK, MARY JEAN: Basketball 11, 12; GAA 11, 12; Band 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Majorette 11, 12; HERO Pres. 12; Art Award 10, 11.
GRAY, WILLIAM MICHAEL: Track 10, 11, 12; Pep 8; FFA 8, 9, 11, 12; Chorus 8, 9, 10; Monogram 10, 11, 12.

Janie Mae Grubb

Johnny Allen Grubb

Lois Christine Grubb

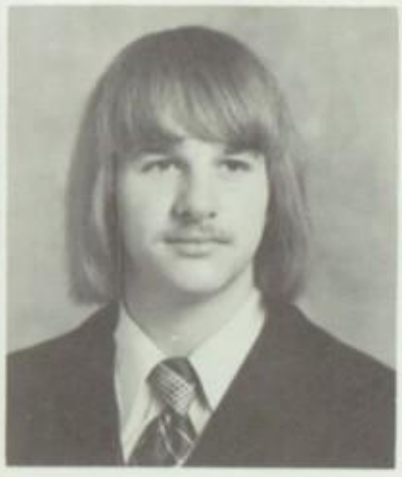
Elizabeth Carol Hagee

Samuel Robinson Grubb

Jayne Kathryn Hall

Kenneth Dale Hall

Jean Richardson has someone sign her annual before going to Algebra.



The football Homecoming dance was again the traditional affair sponsored by the Senior Class. Doughnuts were sold in the weeks prior to the event to raise money to cover expenses. Class meetings were held to make decisions and carry the class through its final year. The last month of school found the class preparing for graduation, but they enjoyed the antics of a picnic at the lake and Senior Skip Day on May 14.

GRUBB, JANIE HAMM: Transfer from Sugar Grove Junior High School (Sugar Grove, VA) 8.
GRUBB, JOHNNY ALLEN: FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep 8.
GRUBB, LOIS CHRISTINE: FHA 8; Pep 8, 9; Chorus 9, 10; Library 10, 11; DECA 11, 12.
GRUBB, SAMUEL ROBINSON: FFA 8, 9, 10; SCA 8; VICA 11, 12.
HAGEE, ELIZABETH CAROL: FHA 8, 9; Pep 9, 11; Chorus 9, 10, 11; DECA 11; SMOKE SIGNALS Feature Ed. 12; Forensics V.P. 12; FBLA 12.
HALL, JAYNE KATHRYN: Transfer from Perry Hall Senior High School (Perry Hall, MD) 10; NHS 11, 12; Forensics 12; Student of the Week Comm. 12; Forensics Plays Student Director 12.
HALL, KENNETH DALE: FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 11, 12.

Troy Kincer Week Is Headed By Senior Class

James Edward Heldreth

Vicky Ellen Holbrook

Ernest Keith Hoback

Donna Louise Houston

Colin Lawson Hanley

Robert Charles Hawthorne

Gary Douglas Hayes

Just before the Homecoming Queen is announced, something apparently amuses Bobbie Burton, Dennis Fielder, and Debby Davis about the occasion.

HANLEY, COLIN LAWSON: Football 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Capt. 8, 9, 12; Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Capt. 8, 9, 12; Track 9; FFA 8; Pep 9, 10, 11, Chap. 10; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Junior Play; Forensics Plays 11; Club of the Year Comm. 12; SCA Rep. 10; Class Chap. 10, Pres. 12; French II Award 10, Student of the Week 12.

HAWTHORNE, ROBERT CHARLES: Football 8; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, V.P. 10; Forensics 8, 9, 10; NHS 11, 12; Phys. Ed. Award 8.

HAYES, GARY DOUGLAS: Transfer from Rock Hill Academy (Charlottesville, VA) 9; Football 9, 10, 11, 12, Capt. 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Baseball 9, 10, 11; Pep 9, 10, 11, 12; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12; SCA 11; Class Rep. 10, 11; Football Homecoming King 12.

HELDRETH, JAMES EDWARD: Football 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, All-District 12; Basketball 8, 12; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Chap. 11, V.P. 12; NHS 11, 12.

HOUSTON, DONNA LOUISE: GAA 8, 9, 10, 11, Asst. Point Keeper 8, 9, Point Keeper 10, 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, Rep. 10; FHA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Chap. 10, Pres. 11, Rep. 12; RURALVALEE 8, 9; Chorus 8, 9; Library 10; NHS 11, 12, Rep. 11, Hist. 12; FBLA 11, 12, V.P. 11, Pres. 12; Forensics Hist.-Chap. 12; SCA 11.

HOBACK, ERNEST KEITH: Basketball 8; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 10, 11, 12; FFA 8, 9, 10; SCA 10, 12, Pres. 12; Monogram 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; VICA 11, 12, Pres. 11; Student of the Week 12; Junior Play; Forensics Play 11, 12.

HOLBROOK, VICKY ELLEN: Basketball 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 8, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 8, 9, 11, 12; GAA 11; Library 11; DECA 11, 12, Sec. 11, Pres. 12; SCA 12; Valentine Queen 11; Miss Rural Retreat 11.

Robert Eugene Hurst

Douglas Colonel Jarvis

Kevin Starling Jennings

Pamela Ann Johnson

Linda Sue Jones

Esther Lynn Kincer

Deborah Elizabeth King

Waiting on someone in the office. Jayne Hall might be taking a nap.

Troy Kincer, a member of the Senior Class, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident on June 27, 1975. The student body wished to help defray the medical burden on his family, so a Troy Kincer Benefit week was planned to raise money. Led by the senior class, the school raised over $3,300. Seniors sold light bulbs, juniors sold doughnuts, sophomores sponsored a gospel concert, and the freshmen and eighth grade competed against each other in relays.

HURST, ROBERT EUGENE: Football 8, 9, 10, 11, Mgr. 8, 9, 10; Basketball; Track; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11.

JARVIS, DOUGLAS COLONEL: Football 12; FFA 8, 9, 10, 12; Monogram 12; VICA 11, 12.

JENNINGS, KEVIN STARLING: Transfer from Wytheville Intermediate School 9; Library 8, 9, 11; Science 8; FFA 9; DECA 12.

JOHNSON, PAMELA ANN: Cheerleader 8, 10; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Capt. 9, 10; Gymnastics 8, 9, 10, 11; Tennis 11, 12; GAA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 8, 9, 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11; Class Treas. 12.

JONES, LINDA SUE: HERO 11, 12.

KINCER, ESTHER LYNN: Transfer from Bel Air Junior High School (Bel Air, MD) 8; Basketball 11, 12; Tennis 11, 12; Pep 9, 10, 11, 12, Treas. 11, 12; GAA 10, 11, 12, V.P. 12; NHS 11, 12; Basketball Homecoming Queen 12.

KING, DEBORAH ELIZABETH: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Capt. 11, 12; Volleyball 10; Tennis 11, 12; Powder Puff 9; Phys. Ed. Asst. 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12, Pres. 12; Library 11; SCA 12.

"May We Go To The Coke Room Today?"

Charles Michael McMillan

Leisa Dawn Pack

Joyce Jean Parsons

Christopher Lewis Kuehl

Keith Edward Litz

Kenley Allen Langston

William Monroe Martin

KUEHL, CHRISTOPHER LEWIS: FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Rep. 11.
LANGSTON, KENLEY ALLEN: Basketball 8, 9, 10; Track 10; Football 8, 9, 10, 11; FFA 8, 9, 10; Monogram 9, 10, 11; Pep 8; DECA 12; SCA 10.
LITZ, KEITH EDWARD: Football 8; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12.
MARTIN, WILLIAM MONROE: Football 8, 9, 10; Basketball 9, 10; Track 9; FFA 8, 9, 10; Monogram 10, 11, 12; DECA 11, 12; Bookkeeping Award 11.
McMILLAN, CHARLES MICHAEL: Track 9; Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Mgr. 8; Pep 8, 9; Monogram 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, V.P. 11; NHS 11, 12, Pres. 12.
PACK, LEISA DAWN: Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 8, 11, 12, Pres. 11; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12; Monogram Sweetheart 10; SMOKE SIGNALS Staff 10; Miss Rural Retreat 10, Miss Wythe County 11, Football Homecoming Court 12; Class Sec. 8; SCA 9.
PARSONS, JOYCE JEAN: Transfer from Christiansburg High School (Christiansburg, VA) 9 and Oak Hill Academy (Galax, VA) 10; Basketball 8, 10; Tennis 8, 10; Track 8, 10; Pep 8, 9, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Library 9, 11, 12; GGA 8, 10; FHA 8.

Winner of the bubble blowing contest on a trip to Klassroom Kwiz is Colin Hanley, being admired by Keith Litz.

Sixth-period study hall, eating dum-dums in English, the coke room, SCA meetings second period, sharing lockers, trips to Roanoke . . . just a few of the memorable experiences of that last year. These were probably the last times many of the Seniors would be together. Graduation would take them in different directions and walks of life. It was fun while it lasted.

Tamra Jo Patton

Elizabeth Ann Porter

Betty Jean Richardson

Susanne Beuk Ringley

Melissa Diane Sage

Rickey Randolph Sharpe

Connie Louise Smith

Cleaning for the forensics meet, Kelly goes for a coke for Ethel Crockett, Colin Hanley, and Jayne Hall.

PATTON, TAMRA JO: Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Gymnastics 10, 11; Tennis 11, 12; GAA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Pres. 11; NHS 11, 12; Pep 8, 9, 10, Pres. 10; Class Sec. 10, Hist. 12; SCA 10, 12; Phys. Ed. Award 8, Art I & II Awards 10, 11.

PORTER, ELIZABETH ANN: Cheerleader 8, 9; Tennis 11; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12; Pep 9, 10, 11, 12; Library 10; FHA 9; Forensics 11; Junior Play.

RICHARDSON, BETTY JEAN: Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 11, 12; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, V.P. 11; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12, Asst. Points Rec. 11, Points Rec. 12; NHS 11, 12; SCA 11, 12, Club of the Year Committee 12; Intro. to Algebra II Award 9, Most Valuable Tennis Player 11.

RINGLEY, SUSANNE BEUK: Cheerleader 8, 9; Library 8, 9, 10, 12, Chap. 12; GAA 8, 9, 10, 12; Pep 8, 9, 10, 12; Debate 10; SMOKE SIGNALS Staff 9, 10, 12, Ed. 12; Forensics 8, 9, 10, 12, Sec. 12; RURALVALEE Staff 9; SCA Chap. 9; Chorus 8, 10; Band 8, 9, 10, 12, First Lt. 12, All-County 9, Jazz Band 10, 12.

SAGE, MELISSA DIANE: FHA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Hist. 9, Degree Sec. 10, V.P. 11, Federation Treas. 12; SCA 9, 10, 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12, Chap. 11, 12; Class Pres. 10; RURALVALEE Staff 10, 11, 12, Copy Ed. 10, Asst. Ed. 11, Ed. 12; English Award 8, 10, 11, Algebra Award 8, 11, Geometry Award 10, French I & II Awards 9, 10, Home Ec. II Award 11, DAR History Award 11, King College Scholastic Achievement Award 12, King Fellow Achievement Award 12, DAR Good Citizenship Award 12, Sullins College Essay Scholarship 12, Klassroom Kwiz 12, Student of the Week 12; Junior Play; Forensics Plays 12; Forensics Meet 12.

SHARPE, RICKY RANDOLPH: Football 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Co-Capt. 11, 12; Basketball 8, 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12, Serg.-at-Arms 10; VICA 11, 12, V.P. 12; FFA 8, 12; Chorus 8; Pep 8, 9; Most Valuable Basketball Player 8, 9; All-County Football 11.

SMITH, CONNIE LOUISE: Basketball 9; Powder-puff Football 9, 10; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 8, 9, 10; GAA 9, 10, 11, 12; Library 11; SMOKE SIGNALS Staff 12; Chorus 12.

"... Truly The 'Spirit of '76'"

Sally Marie Vaught

Dale Allan Waddell

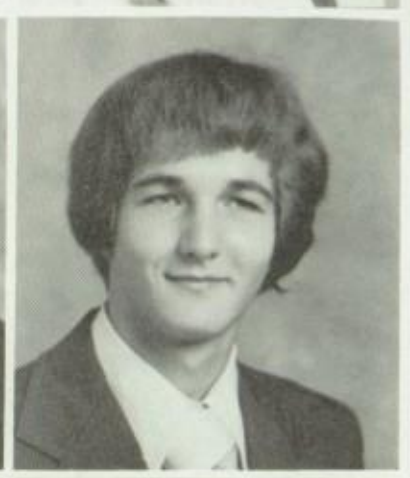
Richard Kent Ward

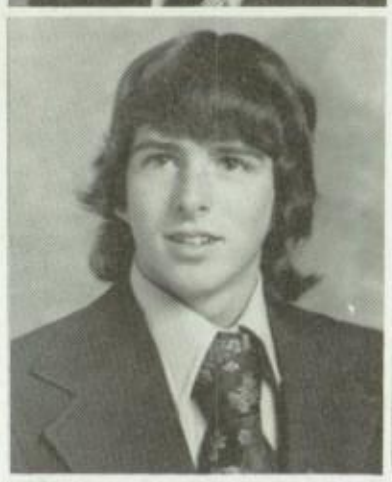
Kenneth Wayne Sult

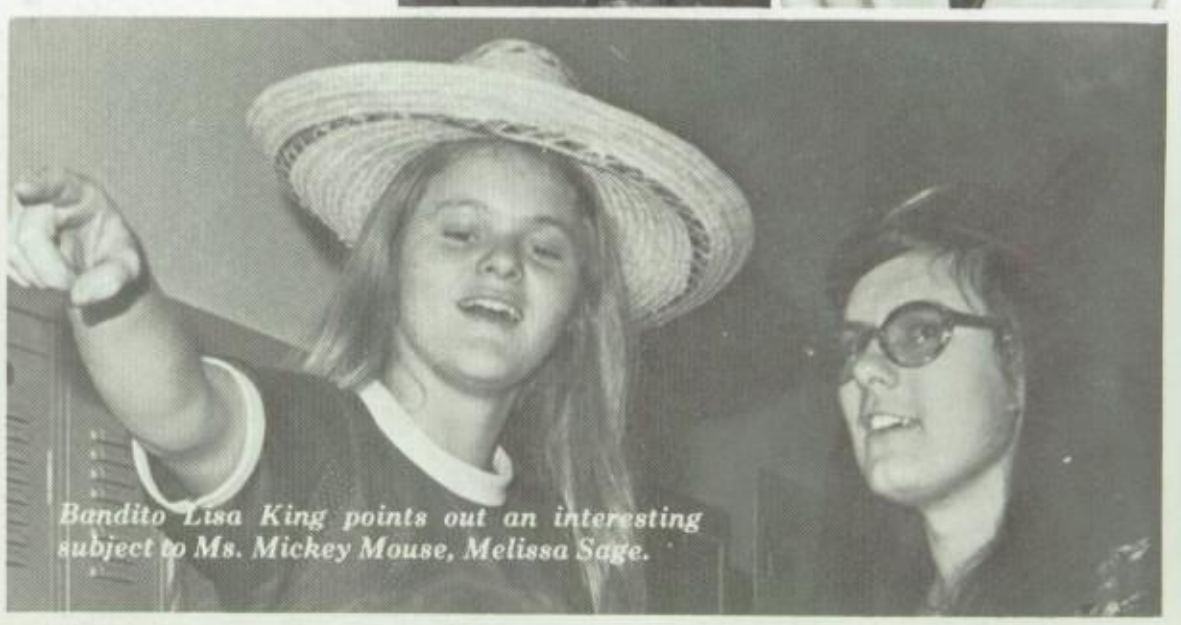
Roger Dean Tolley

Debra Irene Testerman

David Estel Umberger







Bandito Lisa King points out an interesting subject to Ms. Mickey Mouse, Melissa Sage.

SULT, KENNETH WAYNE: SCA 8, 9; FFA 8, 10; NHS 11, 12; Library 8; Class Pres. 8; Science Award 8.

TESTERMAN, DEBRA IRENE: Basketball Pointkeeper 11; DECA 11, 12; SMOKE SIGNALS Staff 11, 12; Library 10, 11, 12; Pep 9, 10, 11, 12; Chorus 12; FHA 9.

TOLLEY, ROGER DEAN: Transfer from Kempsville High School (Virginia Beach, VA) 10; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 11, 12; Pep 12; FFA 12; Monogram 12.

UMBERGER, DAVID ESTEL: Football Mgr. 10; Pep 8; FFA 8, 9, 10; Monogram 10; DECA 11, 12, V.P. 12.

VAUGHT, SALLY MARIE: FHA 8, 9; NHS 11, 12, V.P. 11; RURALVALEE Staff 11, 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12, Sec. 11, Pres. 12; Pep 9; SCA 12; Home Ec. II Award 9, Geography Award 9, Piano Award 8; Junior Play; Forensics Plays 10, 11, 12, Student Director 12, Forensics Meet 10, 11, 12.

WADDELL, DALE ALLAN: Football 8; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Tennis 11, 12, Most Valuable Tennis Player 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; FFA 8, 9, 10, 12; Library 11, 12; Monogram 11, 12.

WARD, RICHARD KENT: Football 8, 10; Basketball 8; Track 9; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Sec. 11, Pres. 12; Pep 8; Monogram 9, 10, 11, 12; SCA 8, 9; RURALVALEE Staff 8; Class V.P. 9.

Graduation came at the end of the year, but preparation lasted the entire nine months. Orders for announcements were placed in the fall. Mr. Porter measured for caps and gowns in government classes in early February. March found the class deciding on colors, a flower, and motto. Everything possible was done to carry out the Bicentennial theme and make the 1976 graduating class truly the "Spirit of '76."

James Roy Whalen

Michael Wayne Whalen

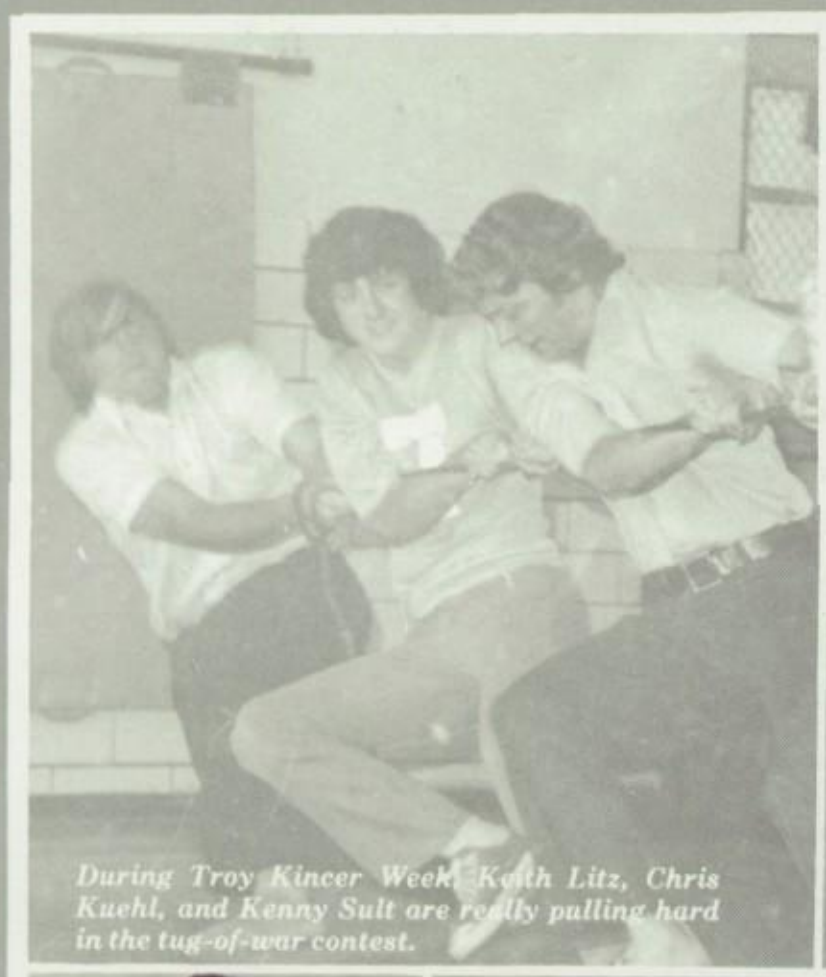
Jack Allen Widner

Chris Arthur Wingate

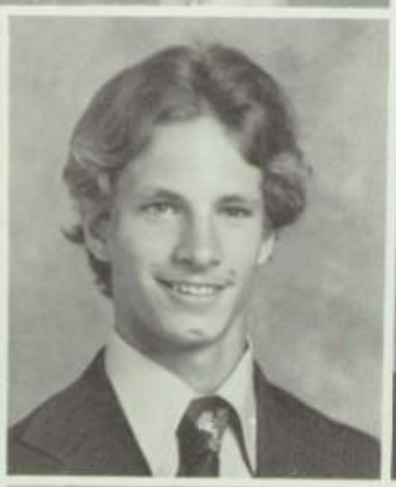
Deanna Faye Wohlford

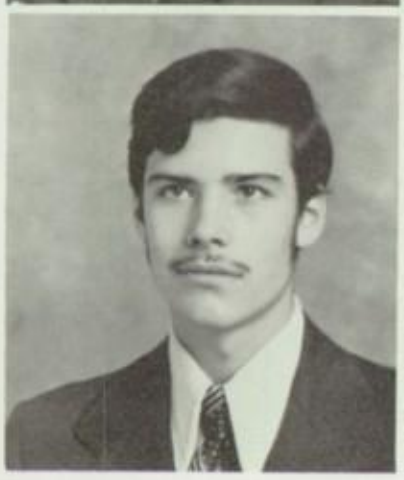
George Allen Wolfe

Ellen Diane Wright



During Troy Kincer Week, Keith Litz, Chris Kuehl, and Kenny Sult are really pulling hard in the tug-of-war contest.

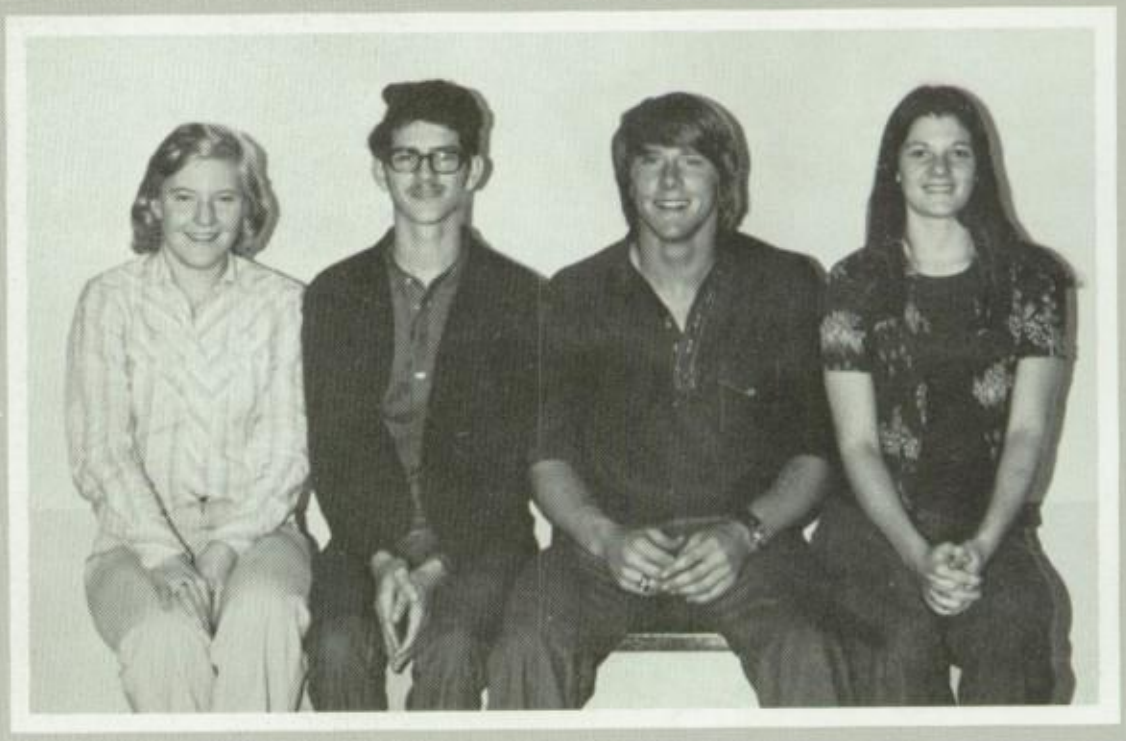




WHALEN, JAMES ROY: Football 8; FFA 8, 9, 10, 12; NHS 11, 12; VICA 12.
WHALEN, MICHAEL WAYNE: Football 8, 12; Basketball 9; Track 9; FFA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; DECA 11; VICA 11, 12; Monogram 12.
WIDNER, JACK ALLEN: Transfer from Spencer High School (Columbus, GA) 12; Baseball 8, 9; Football 8, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11; Basketball 8; Aeronautics Club 10, 11.
WINGATE, CHRIS ARTHUR: Basketball 8, 9; Track 10, 11, 12; FFA 8, 9, 12; VICA 11, 12; Chorus Treas. 10; Monogram 10, 11, 12; Class Rep. 8.
WOHLFORD, DEANNA FAYE: Cheerleader 9, 10, 11, Co-Capt. 11; Pep 8, 9, 10, 11; GAA 8, 9, 10, 11; SCA Chap. 9; Class Sec. 9; NHS 11, 12.
WOLFE, GEORGE ALLEN: Football 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 11; Pep 10; Monogram 11, 12; SCA 10.
WRIGHT, ELLEN DIANE: Cheerleader 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Capt. 12; Gymnastics 9, 10, 11; FHA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Sec. 9, 11, Pres. 10; GAA 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Sec. 10, 11, 12; Pep 8, 9, 12; Class Chap. 11; NHS 11, 12, Sec. 11, Treas. 12; SCA 10; Forensics Plays 12, Forensics Meet 12.

"Juniors Movin' On"

Junior class officers are Doris Crouse — president, Randall Hodge — reporter, Eddie Hodges — treasurer, Vickie Whalen — vice-president. Not pictured: Bobbie Tolley — secretary.



As the Junior class moved up the ladder of education, they became more aware of the fact that their school life would soon be over. Each person was becoming more of an individual. But they still kept in mind that in order to succeed you still have to stay united.

The Juniors worked hard to sell the candy which was to pay for the Junior-Senior Prom. The Prom required a lot of hard work which was only accomplished by the cooperation of the entire class. Even though the Prom marked the last big project of the Junior class, the class kept "Movin' On!"

Rickey Bass
Frank Box
Debbie Brewster
Jeannie Brewster
Rickey Bridges

Janet Brown
Wanda Brown
Charles Crouse
David Crouse
Doris Crouse

Tim Frye
Rhonda Garland
Jerry Gray
Franklin Grubb
Sandra Grubb

Bonnie Hale
Michael Hall
Jeff Hall

William Hall
Eula Halsey
John Halsey
David Hayton

Darrell Hodge
Randall Hodge
Eddie Hodges
Mike Holston
Rebecca Huddle

Victor Irvin
Susie Johnson
Brenda Jones
David Kincer
Robin Kincer

Frank King
Barry Lambert
Tracy Lindsey
Ann Long
Bryan Loop

John Manuel
Diane Marshall
Linda Martin
Richard Martin
Mary Mercer

Jennifer Mitchell
Harry Moore
Richard Mulkey

Jeff Newman
Resa Newman
Tony Parks
Kathy Pickle

Jerry Rhodes
Alan Rosenbaum
Teresa Rosenbaum
Marie Rudisill
Patty Seagle

Juanita Sexton
Joey Smith
Lisa Spraker
Geary Stroupe
Sheila Stuart

Anita Thomas
Patti Tibbs
Bobbie Tolley
Mary Vipperman
Mike Ward

Randy Weddle
Vickie Whalen
Winston Whalen
Charles Wright
Karen Wright

Sophomores Are Active In School Functions

Sophomore class officers are Rickey Rhodes — Reporter, Pat Porter — Secretary-Treasurer, Greg Wood — President, Ann Haga — Chaplain, and Billy Joe Kinder — Vice-President.

The class of '78 enjoyed a year that was mingled with work and play, flavored with the spice of life, and brightened with the colors of each individual personality. The students worked together and performed service projects as well as fun things. These projects included a gospel singing held for the benefit of Troy Kincer and his family, sponsoring a float in the Homecoming parade, and the Christmas Dance. Those participating in these activities enjoyed the experience of working and planning together.

All in all, the Sophomore class experienced a memorable and meaningful year. The last days of school were filled with reminiscing about the past year and looking forward with eager anticipation to becoming Juniors.

Gary Alley
Candy Anderson
Larry Anderson
Kay Atwell
Danny Bise

Angelo Boysaw
David Brewer
Tommy Bridges
Johnny Brown
Kenny Brown
Nhiem Bui

Bobby Burris
Ray Burris
Sharon Burris
Kim Catron
Jimmy Cox
James Craver

Sophomores Sponsor Holiday Dance

Delmar Creggar
Donna Cregger

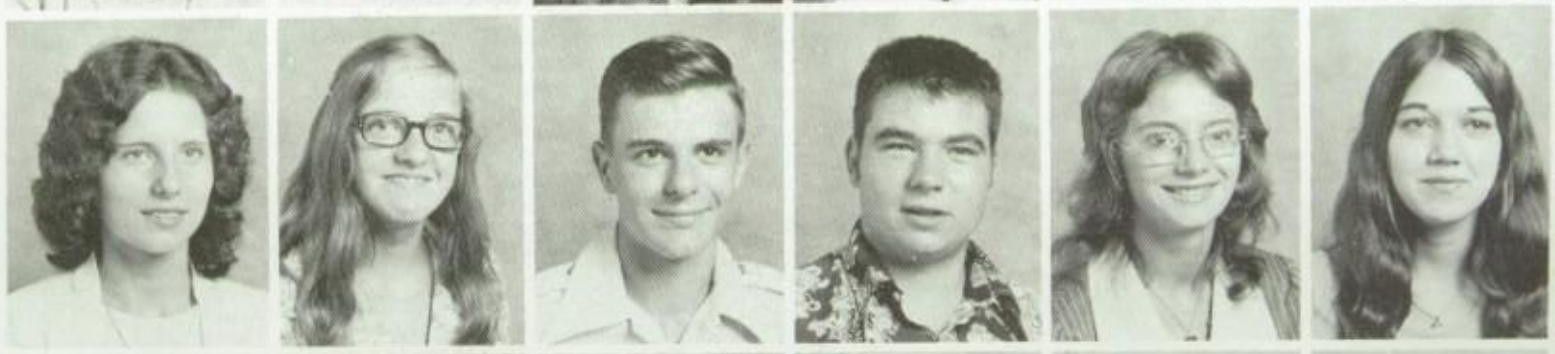
Kathy Cregger
Danny Cressell
Frances Crockett
Vickie Crouse

Beth Ellison
Joann Frank
Alice Frye
Donna Fulton
Trenton Funk
Vickie Goodin

Mark Groseclose
David Grubb
Ronnie Grubb
Wesley Grubb
Patty Hackler
Ann Haga

Barbara Hall
Jennifer Hall
Patricia Hamm
Debbie Hayden
Donnie Hayes
Gary Henley

Brenda Holbrook
Nada Hurt
Randy Irvin
Cooper Jones
Debbie Jones
Glenda Kendal



Marlene Keyes
Lynn Kincer
Billy Joe Kinder
Inga King
Janice Lahman
David Long

Ronny Loop
Debbie Lusk

Rodney Maxey
Dawn McAllister
Wanda McGrady
Kenny Nichols

Stephen Painter
Buddy Parrish
Danny Parks
Jamie Parks
Linda Parks
Linda Peeples

Pat Porter
Sharon Porter
Mark Powell
Jay Pugh
James Remines
Rickey Rhodes

Albert Sage
Darlene Sage
Becky Sexton
Debbie Sheets
Denise Shupe
Joan Staley

Sue Stowers
Donald Stroupe
Anthony Stuart
Andrew Tolley
Debbie Tuggle
David VanAntwerp

Janet Vaughan
Wilma Walters
Gerald Williams
Becky Wilson
Greg Wood
Valerie Yates

Moving Up In The World

The Freshman class arrived ready for another year. The new romances were moving right along and the old were not doing so bad. They all had tales to tell, and so there was a loud hum among students. But all good things must come to an end. The bell rings, they report to first period.

The Freshman discovered that their classes were not too hard. Algebra I, World History and Geography and French I were all right. P.E. proved to be the best for most and English . . . well . . . for some it was O.K., but for others they would rather go to Mars than sit in English class. Some probably did.

All in all the year was fine, and the class of '79 thought they were ready to progress from Freshmen to Sophomores.

Class officers are Judy Bass — Reporter, Angie Jones — Chaplain, Linda Kinder — Vice President, Donald Burton — President, Mike Edwards — Treasurer, Ellen Cassell — Secretary.

Gail Anderson
Mary Atwell
Tammy Bailey
Nelson Banes
Ramona Bartee

Dawn Bass
Judy Bass
Janie Brewster
Mary Brown
Vickie Buck
Charles Burkett

Patty Burris
Donald Burton
Ellen Cassell
Rickey Cox
Debbie Cregger

Jimmy Cregger
Jenny Crigger
Donald Crockett
Timmy Crockett
Virginia Crouse
Dreama Davidson

Dewayne Dixon
Michael Dodson
Tim Duncan
Millie Dunford

Kathy Earles
Mike Edwards
Rebekah Farmer
Charles Fasano
Shelia Fielder
D.B. Fisher

Donnie Hale
Teresa Hammond
Lolita Hanes
Donna Hawthorne
Rodney Hayden

Brenda Hodge
Gregory Holliday
Jo Huddle
Venita Hurt
Nancy Jennings
Beth Johnson

Angie Jones
Dale Jones
Darrell Jones
David Jones
Donna Kendale

Jeanie Kincer
Stephen Kincer
Susan Kincer
Teddy Kincer
Linda Kinder
Mike Kinder

Karen King
Tammy King
Alan Lacy
Carolyn Langston
Kenneth Lanter

Gail Logan
Jeff Long
Kathy Lyons

Diana McMillan
Mary Mulkey
Ted Patton
David Peoples
Randy Porter
Bobby Primm

Debbie Pugh
Frank Reasor
Dennis Roberts
Linda Rosenbaum
Lori Rosenbaum

Timothy Rosenbaum
Valerie Seabolt
Clayton Shinault
Warren Six
Loris Smith
Timmy Smith

Ellen Spraker
Mona Steffan
Fred Steffey
Phyllis Sykes
Carol Umberger

Rickey Umberger
Sherri Underwood
Craig VanAntwerpt
Barbara Wagoner
Robert Walters
Frances Whalen

Denise Widner
Judy Wohlford
Sheri Wood
Rickey Wright

Class of '80

Eighth grade class officers are Beverly Reed — Reporter, Roger Nicholes — President, Kitty Mills — Vice-President, Deedra Williams — Treasurer, Bridget Bartee — Chaplain, and Judy Marshall — Secretary.

Waiting and wondering, the Eighth Graders went to classes not knowing their next move. Scared looks and stuck locks were their introduction to high school life. Trial and error opened their eyes for the coming year.

Blain Anderson
Dave Anders
Venessa Arnold
Bridget Bartee
David Bell

Jeanne Bell
Vicky Bise
Kevin Blair
David Blankenship
Sammy Blevins
Charles Box

Bill Bralley
Becky Brown
Bobby Vaughan
Jimmy Brown
Philip Brown
Darryl Bryant

Dawn Buckley
Becky Bumgardner
John Burnett
Johnny Catron
Tony Catron
Roger Cline

Vanessa Cornett
Connie Crigger
Elizabeth Crockett
Dean Crouse
Judy Crouse
Artieh Davis

A Trial And Error Year

Claude Davidson
Jay Dixon
David Dunford
Helen Dunkley

Mark Dutton
Frank Ellison
Francis Fasano
Robin Fracker
Allen Groseclose
Ronnie Grose

Tambra Grubb
Darrell Hackler
Robert Hale
David Hall
Kenneth Halsey
Doris Hamm

Wilma Hamm
Carrie Hancock
Mike Harden
Walter Havens, Jr.
Richie Hayes
Joy Hilton

Vivian Huddle
Boyd Houston
Pam Jarvis
Paige Johnson
Mike Jones
Tammy Jones

Kathy Lahman
Katrina Lindamood
Robbin Lowe
Patty Luttrel
Ray Malone
Debbie Manuel

Judy Marshall
Jeff Marsh
Janice Miller
Kitty Mills
Dennis Mitchell
Tammy Mize

Michel Moore
Kathie Mosley
Robin Musser
Roger Nicholes

C.M. Peevler
Pam Peoples
Paul Porter
Brenda Puckett
Anette Redman
Kim Redman

Beverly Reedy
Donald Reedy
John Remines
Debbie Richardson
Billy Rosenbaum
Wayne Sheffy

Ricky Shrader
Melanie Slagle
Betty Smith
Tony Smith
Janet Stuart
Jewel Stuart

Sherry Stuart
Susie Stuart
Mark Sutphin
Connie Tomlison
James Tayler
Juanita Thompson

Lisa Tolly
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Denise Vaught
Mary Alice Vaught
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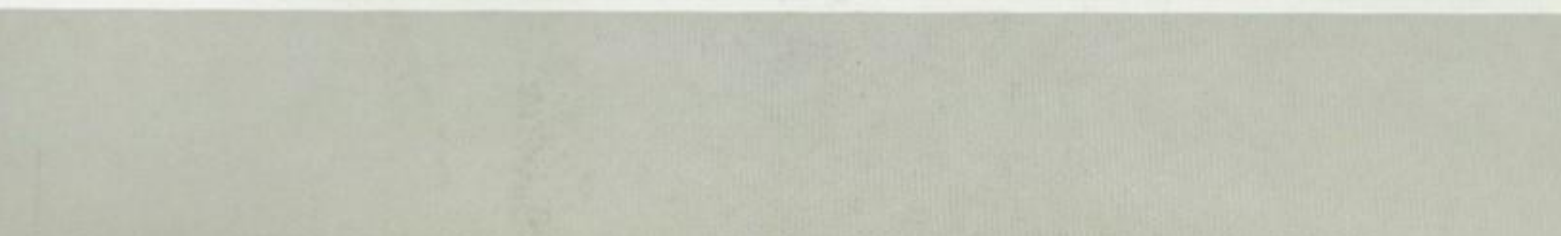
Cimmer Whalen



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Karen Widner
Deedra Williams
Kelly Williams
Brownie Wingate
Mark Wright

Seventh Grade— Mr. Caldwell

Michael Atwell

Gail Bartee
Ricky Blessing
Kimberly Cline
Ricky Cregger
Mr. Caldwell

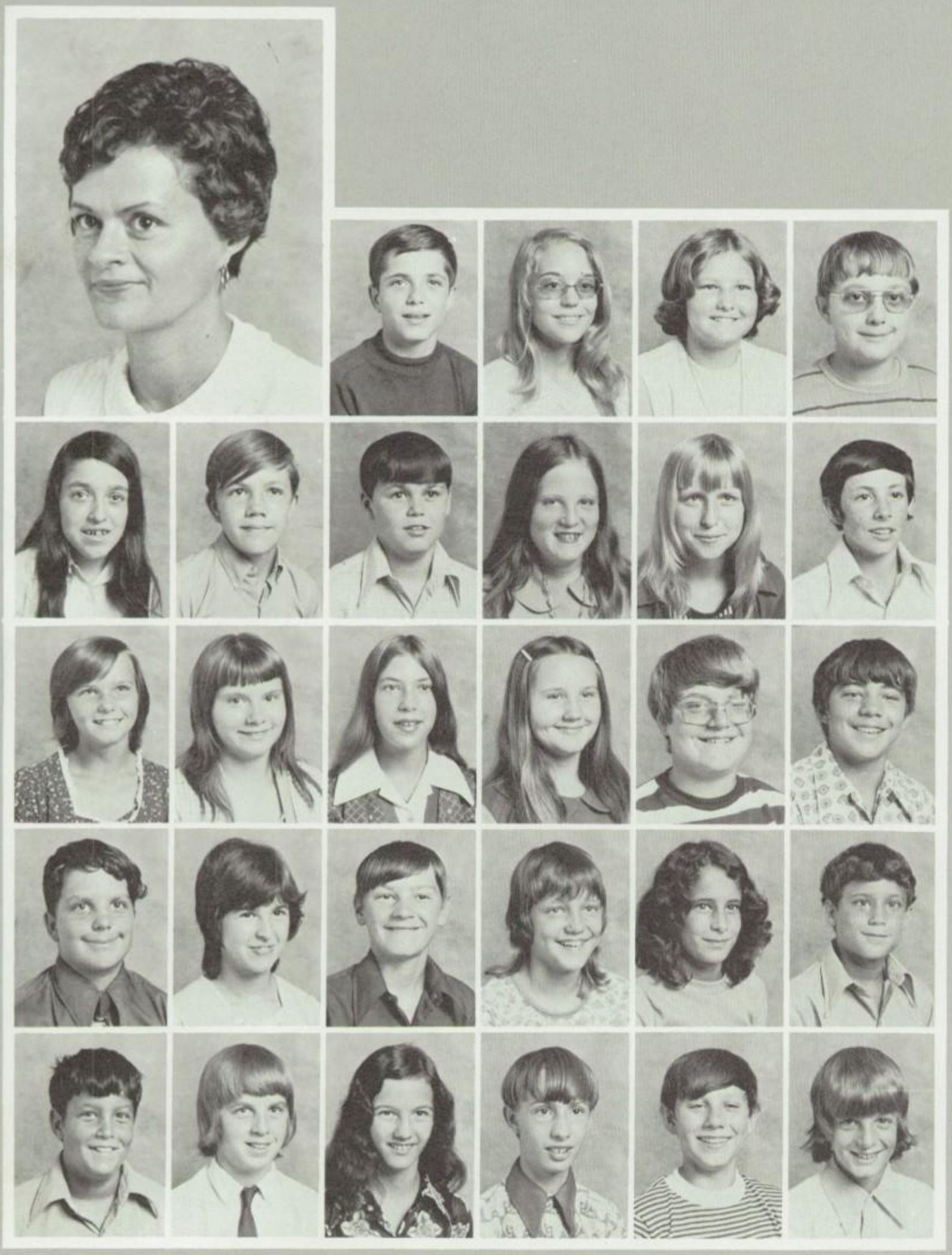
Wilma Davidson
Kathy Frye
Paul Groseclose
Bonnie Grubb
Judy Hall
William Hamm

Teresa Hash
Kirk Heldreth
Maynard Holston
Teresa Johnson
David Kendall
Marlene Lambert

Marilyn Logan
William McFarland
Michelle McMillan
Bruce Miller
Kathy Miller
Larry Musser

Joyce Sage
Norma Shupe
Kerry Steffan
Bill Tarter
Tina Wallace
Frances Woodel

Seventh Grade — Mrs. Cassell



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Gary Anderson
Vanessa Beuk
Deana Brewster
Jerry Catron

Renee Cline
Samuel Corvin
James Crockett
Pam Crigger
Lisa DeBord
Allen Dix

Teresa Fasano
Brenda Hall
Linda Harden
Sara Havens
Randy Irvin
Tim King

Brady Lambert
Tena Miller
Harlan Musser
Kim Pugh
Carol Russell
Mark Russell

Mike Russell
Morris Six
Vickie Shelton
Dale Steffey
Sherman Watkins
Gary Whalen

Sixth Grade — Mrs. Vaught

Wayne Allison
Jeffrey Anderson
Mrs. Vaught

Lisa Bise
Perry Brown
Sue Burris
Mary Crigger

Debra Crockett
John Duncan
Robin Fasano
Tammy Haga
Brenda Hall
Anthony Hayden

Melissa Hilton
Vince Houston
Robert Hutton
Teresa Lester
Chuck Lyons
Sara Mabry

Lynn McFarland
Pam Porter
Bobby Remines
Lisa Rhodes
Wayne Sage
Mitchell Sheets

Diane Shelton
Dale Vipperman
Katie Widner
Kevin Wood
Roy Woodel
Amy Wright

Sixth Grade — Mrs. Lester

Frankie Blevins
Christine Burris

Mrs. Lester
Whitney Clark
Drusilla Crigger
Terry Crigger

Ken Delp
Jeff Duncan
Curtis Fisher
Lynn Fontaine

Alana Groseclose
Jimmy Hayden
William Houston
Annette Humphreys
Donna Hyler
Oma Kendall

Ellen Leedy
Jeffrey Leedy
Carolyn Macey
Susie McMillan
Charles Meadows
Monika Mosely

Brian Peeples
Joe Reasor
Terry Rhoades
John Seabolt
Kelly Smith
Teresa Taylor

Charlie Vipperman
Terry Wallace
Patricia Walters
Sharon Widner
Sherry Williams
Frankie Wright

Fifth Grade — Mrs. Manuel

Virginia Barberry
Catherine Box

Shelia Burkentine
Philip Burkett
Robin Cline
Bert Copenhaver
Mrs. Manuel

Lisa Cregger
Gary Crouse
Mary Delp
Michael Dix
Joe Dunn
Laura Eversole

John Frucher
Clinton Gordon
Kevin Gullion
Lisa Houston
John Paul Jones
Pam King

Dianna Lethco
Gary Miller
Jeff Miller
Robin Patton
Sheri Rich
Jimmy Roberts

Wilma Six
Jesse Smith
Bud Stowers, Jr.
Karelne Stowers
Betty Tuggle
Tammy Vipperman

Fifth Grade — Mrs. Johnson

Kelly Boyle
Patricia Bise

Mrs. Johnson
Melissa Catron
Charlotte Clark
John Cline

Shelia Cox
Ricky Cressell
Debbie Davidson
Billy DeBord

Rebecca Duncan
Ronnie Dunford
Jack Ellison
G.T. Grubb
Roger Hawthorne
Angela Houston

Victor Kincer
Carol King
Kenneth King
Heidi Lahman
Troy Lindsey
Suzzanna Mabry

Roger Musser
Junior Patton
Kathy Remines
Danita Roberts
Danny Sheffey
Billy Joe Shupe

Karen Stephenson
Kathy Sutphin
LeRoy Thompson
James Tuggle
Terry Wheeler
Maratha Woodel

Fourth Grade — Ms. Potts

Jeff Bartee
Wanda Brown
Patty Cline
Ms. Potts

Janice Crigger
Kenneth Cross
Missy Dix
Kenny Dunford
Sherry Gray
Eddie Gross

Craig Haga
Janet Havens
Darren Hilton
Tony Holston
Dianne Hyler
Randy Kincer

Beverly King
David Lambert
Sammie Orr
Connie Robinette
Roger Seabolt
Linda Smith

Mike Smith
Kathy Tarter
Tina Taylor
Richard Vaught
Jeannie Wheeler
Jimmy Willard

Fourth Grade — Miss Breeding

Miss Breeding
Randy Alexander
Michelle Blessing

Angie Church
James Cline
Jackie Correll
Treva Crouse
Jon Fleming
Sylvia Gordon

Eddie Grubb
Gregg Haga
Natalie Hanley
Greg Hash
Ricky Hilton
Brad Humphrey

Cindy Johnson
Chris King
Teresa Moseley
Polly Porter
Russell Potts
Cathy Shupe

Frank Smith
Missy Stowers
Foster Vaught
Tammy Wallace
Jerry Wheeler
Lucky Wyrick

Fourth Grade — Mrs. Porter

Intently reading a book, Brad Humphrey is unaware of other activities.

Chris Blessing

Natalie Brown
Mary Burkett
Lisa Copenhaver
Barbara Crockett
Mrs. Porter

Jackie Davidson
Jimmy Duncan
Mary Fleming
David Fowler
Tammy Gordon
David Hamm

Greg Jones
Gary Kinder
Shelia Meadows
Lisa Miller
Clifford Phillips
Dianna Pierce

Kathy Shaver
Bradley Shumate
Dreama Smith
Kermit Thompson
Cindy Tribitt
Tony Wright

Third Grade — Mrs. Snavely

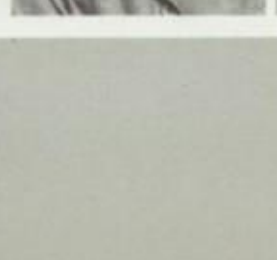
Mrs. Snavely
Ashley Arney

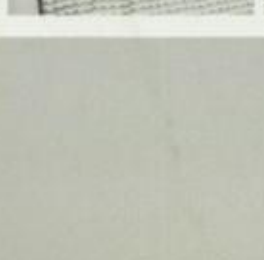
Students finish their assignments as the day comes to a close.

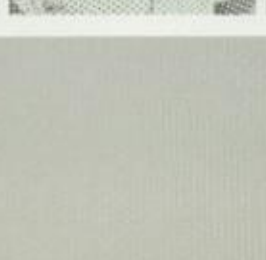
Joe Atkins
Donna Brewster
Tony Copenhaver
Daniel Crigger
Kathy Davidson
Wanda Dunford

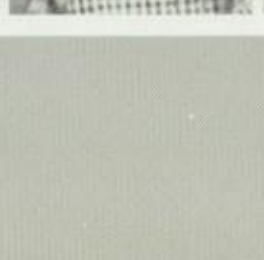
Jimmy Dutton
Sarah Gilliam
Porter Hall
Cathie Hayden
Jeff Hodge
Terri King

John Leedy
Karen Maxwell
Roger Meadows
Buster Musser
Dougie Nichols
Steven Plott









Kathy Smith
Cindy Smith
Josh Smith
Diana Umberger
Rebecca Widner
Becky Woodel

Third Grade — Miss Anderson

Students work on a mural during their art period.

Melanie Bise
Miss Anderson

Kathy Brewster
Todd Caldwell
Steven Copenhaver
Randy Crockett
Tina Dunford
Cheryl Fielder

Larry Fisher
Patricia Hall
Michelle Harden
Jay Hilton
Lynda Hurst
Allen Kinder

Gator Logan
Melissa Lyons
Etthan Miller
Jim Mullins
Ricky Parks
Judy Remines

Brian Shupe
Donna Slagle
Rocky Smith
Debbie Sykes
Michael Sykes
Larry Sylvester

Second Grade — Mrs. Cole

Mrs. Cole
Mrs. Rich
Billy Anderson

Dixie Brewster
Gordon Brown
Shirley Burkentine
Venita Cline
Johnny Dix
Lisa Etter

Dell Franklin
Tammy Gordon
Machelle Gullion
Monica Hilton
Randy Havens
Denise Hyler

Walter Johnson
Ronald King
Cyrilla Lindamood
Jenny Mabry
Shannon Orr
Mark Pauley

Charles Sheets
Johnny Shupe
Missy Shupe
Kevin Widner
Devin Willard
Robby Wright

Second Grade — Mrs. Hall

Beverly Anderson
Mrs. Fielder
Mrs. Hall

Cassandra Boyle
Shawn Brisco
Missy Brown
Sharon Caldwell
Stephannie Creger
Buivan Cuong

Cheryl Dix
R.K. Dix
Jeff Eversole
Lisa Gordon
Jill Hilton
Tammy Holbrook

David Jones
Sherry Jones
Robby Kirk
Jeff King
Tracey Luttrell
Amy Musser

Melissa Pickett
Ray Remines
Lynn Robertson
Tammy Shupe
Teresa Wheeler
Randy Whitley

First Grade — Mrs. Haga

A break from learning the alphabet enables students to "play" on the blackboard.

Mrs. Haga
Veronica Allison
Mike Anderson
Lyn Bishop
Dwayne Copenhaver

Ben Danner
Evelyn Davidson
Cindy Gross
Kenneth Hall
Rory Hensley
Lori Holston

Cynthia Jones
Charles Martin
Alicia Meadows
Gary Mullins
Lori Musser
Chris Plott

Melody Robbins
John Shumate
Paula Shupe
Chad Trivitt
Rachel Willard
Mark Williams

First Grade — Mrs. Phelps

During afternoon play period, two students carry on a serious conversation.

Todd Blessing
Machelle Carter
Carl Crouse
Mrs. Burkett
Mrs. Phelps

Jennifer Davidson
Todd Dix
Dale Hall
Leona Hall
Michael Hall
Danny Hyler

Eugene Leedy
Andrea Lineberry
Donna Messer
Micky Musser
Mike Newman
Donna Pierce

James Pratt
Lisa Roberts
Darren Suthers
Kathy Sykes
Teresa Waller
Roger Wright

First Grade — Mrs. Williams

Students take a break during the long afternoon.

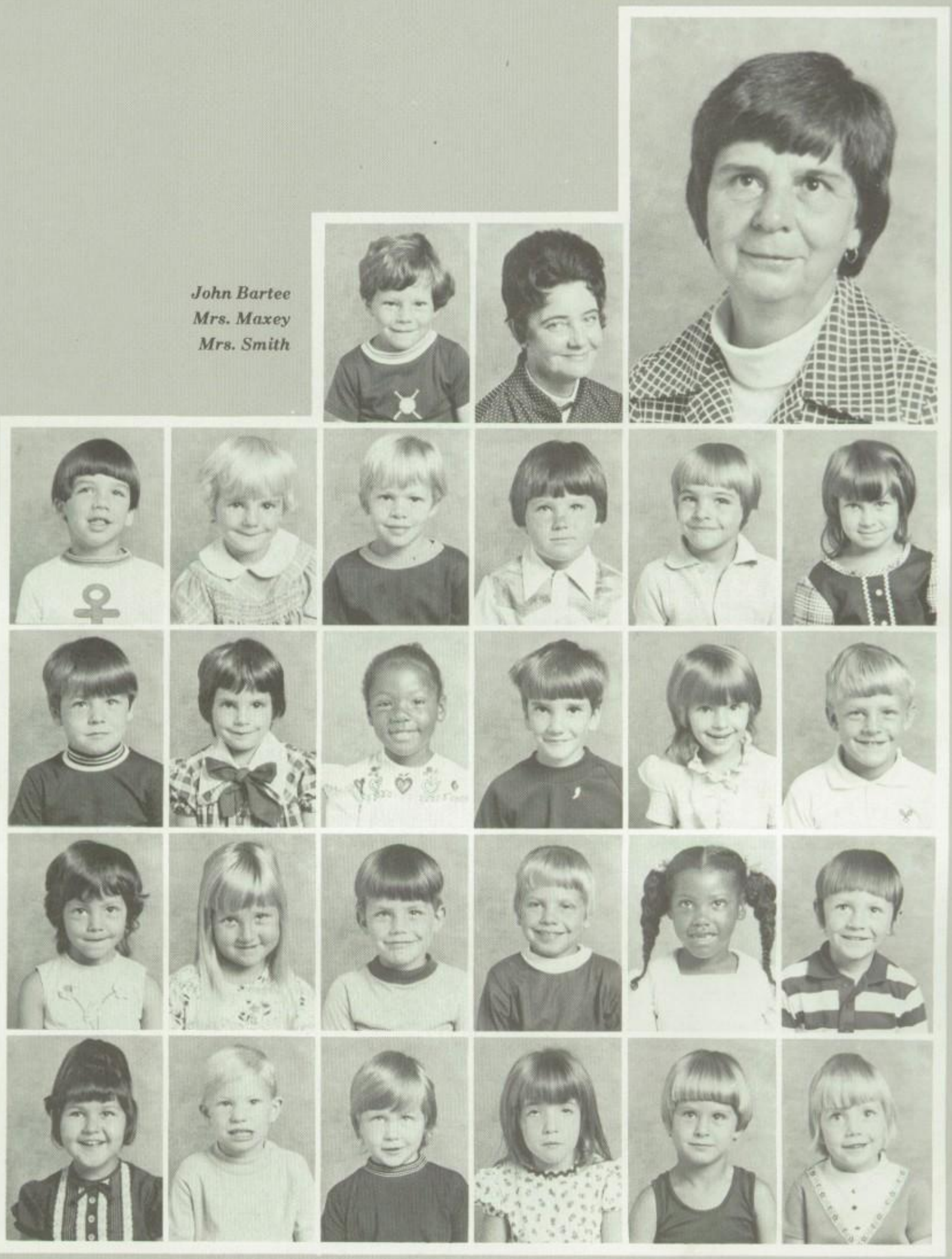
Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Miller
Russell Church
Dreamma Crigger
Richard Crouse

Christine Barbery
Thomas Harmon
Tammy Hayden
Julia Jacobs
Ava Johnson
David Kendrick, Jr.

Mechelle McFarland
Scott Mitchell
Edward Musser
Ruth Musser
Jeff Overbay
Shelia Rich

Franklin Shaver
Amy Smith
Wallace Sykes
Ricky Taylor
Teresa Widner
Shane Williams

Kindergarten — Mrs. Smith



John Bartee
Mrs. Maxey
Mrs. Smith

Chris Brown
Tonia Caldwell
John Cassell
Dan Delp, II
Michael Dutton
Lisa Gray

Jeb Hensley
Kriste Hilton
Tina Houston
Steven Jaros
Candy Lesmeister
Jonathan Lester

Mickie Jo Martin
Robyn Mills
Christopher Pickle
Bud Pollard
Lisa Russell
Dean Sheets

Kathy Smith
Robbie Smith
Sara Tuggle
Katie Vaught
Michael Willard
Dawn Williams

Kindergarten — Mrs. Beacraft

Mrs. Beacraft
John Blevins

On a pretty fall afternoon, children play merrily during recess.

Teresa Catron
Shelly Copenhaver
Lee Corvin
Charlie Dix
Hank Gross
Gina Grubb

Rhonda Holston
Greg Hounshell
Angie Jones
Candy Kratsch
Neal Lineberry
Mark Mabry

Tammy Maxey
Chris Milgrim
Bobby Mullins
John Patton
Shawn Presgraves
Rickey Smith

Tami Stowers
Michael Stuart
Jerry Vipperman
Missy Waller
Susan Wohlford
Courtney Wyrick

At the Country Kitchen, Wanda Dixon cleans the counter after serving a customer.

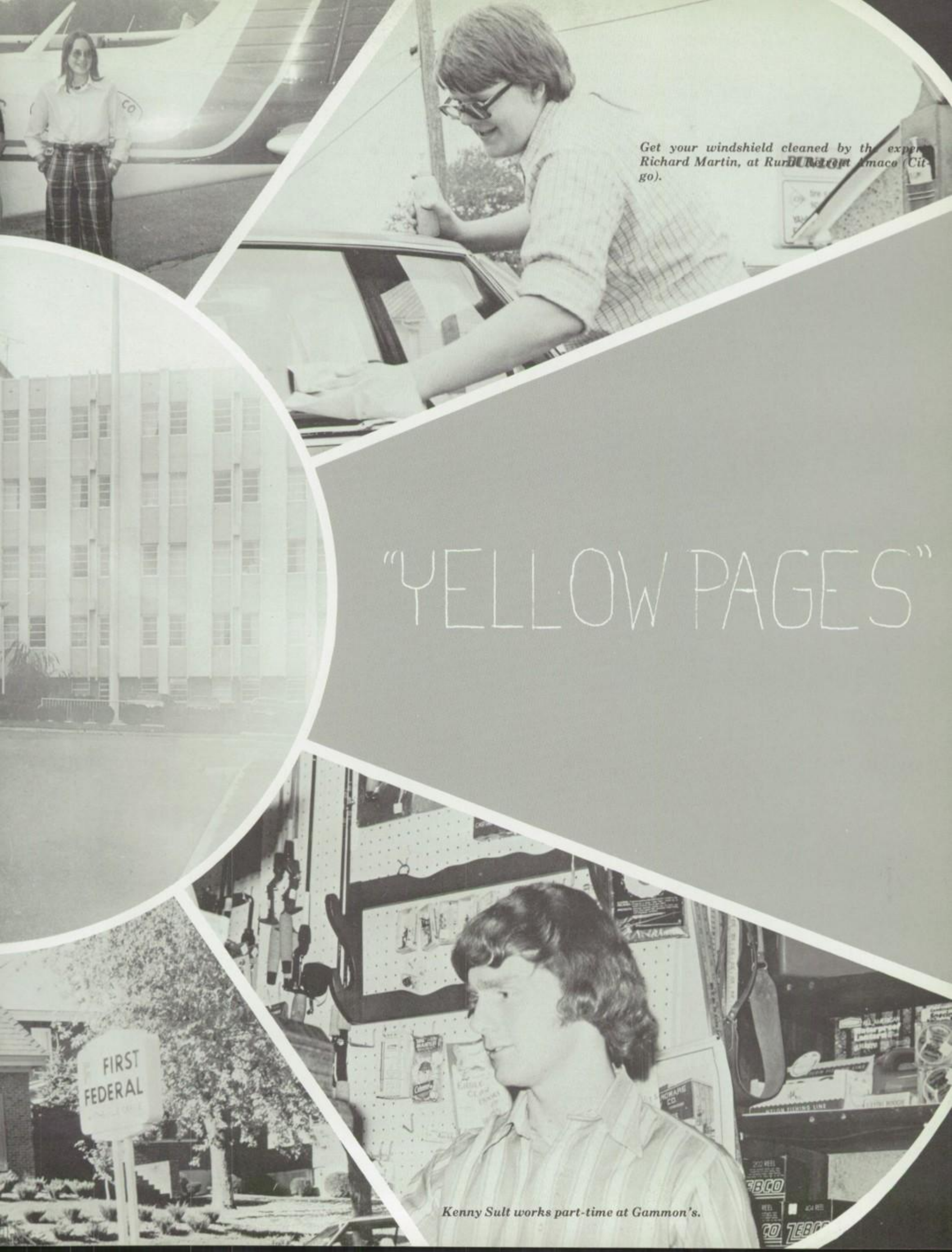
Just after hijacking the plane at Mountain Empire Airport, Melissa Sage and Sally Vaught try to decide just where they're going.

The support of community and area businesses played an important part in the publication of the RURALVALEE. The "yellow pages" have been provided for the readers' convenience in hopes that you will patronize these businesses.

Selling ads was one of the fun parts of annual staff life. This provided the settings of many zany adventures from throwing ice cream at pedestrians to paying calls on teachers. Who knows? Despite all of their jolly antics, an annual staff member COULD have been beginning a career in business and advertising.

Johnny Brown fills a gas can for a customer at Greever's Exxon.

First Federal Savings and Loan's new building is located on Main Street. See page 175 for their ad.



Get your windshield cleaned by th[e] exper[t] Richard Martin, at Rur[al] Ne[w] [A]maco (Cit[y] go).

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Kenny Sult works part-time at Gammon's.

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The Class of '76 has walked the halls of Rural Retreat High School these past three years without one member. Beverly Ann Maloskey left us suddenly on May 7, 1973, but she still resides in our hearts. Her humbleness, her generosity, her smile, and her love will long be remembered. We face each day with a little sadness because of her absence, but when we think on these things, we remember the joy she brought to all who knew her.

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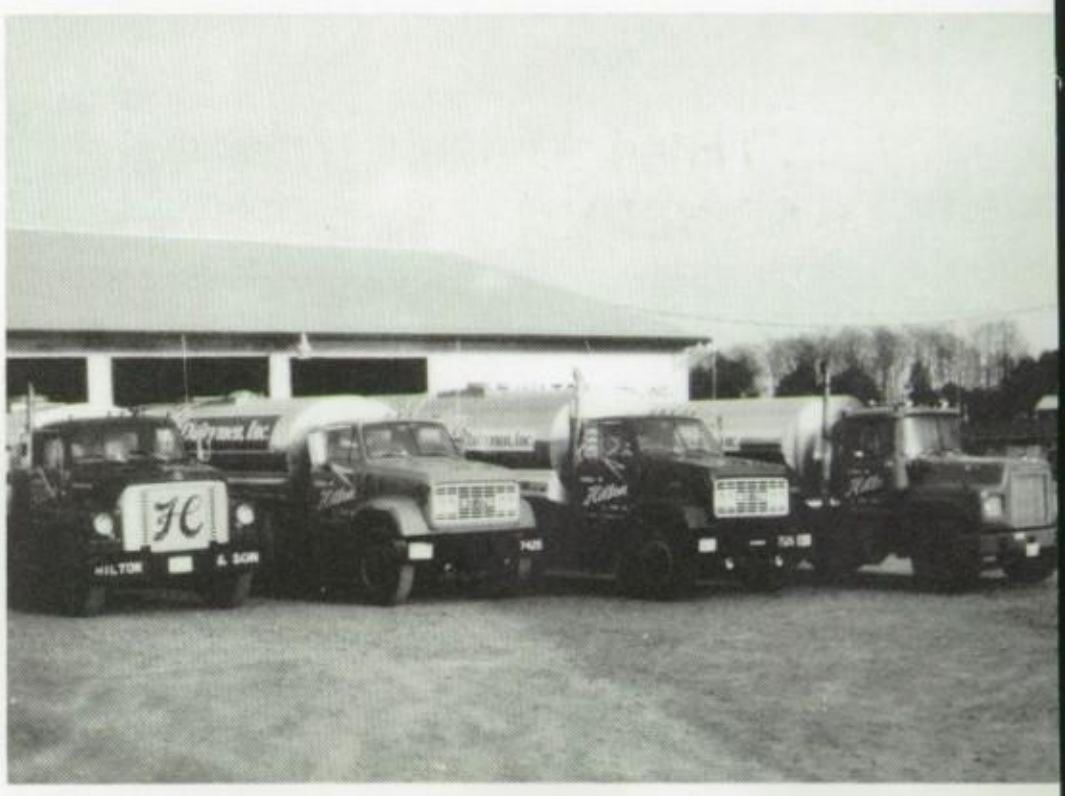

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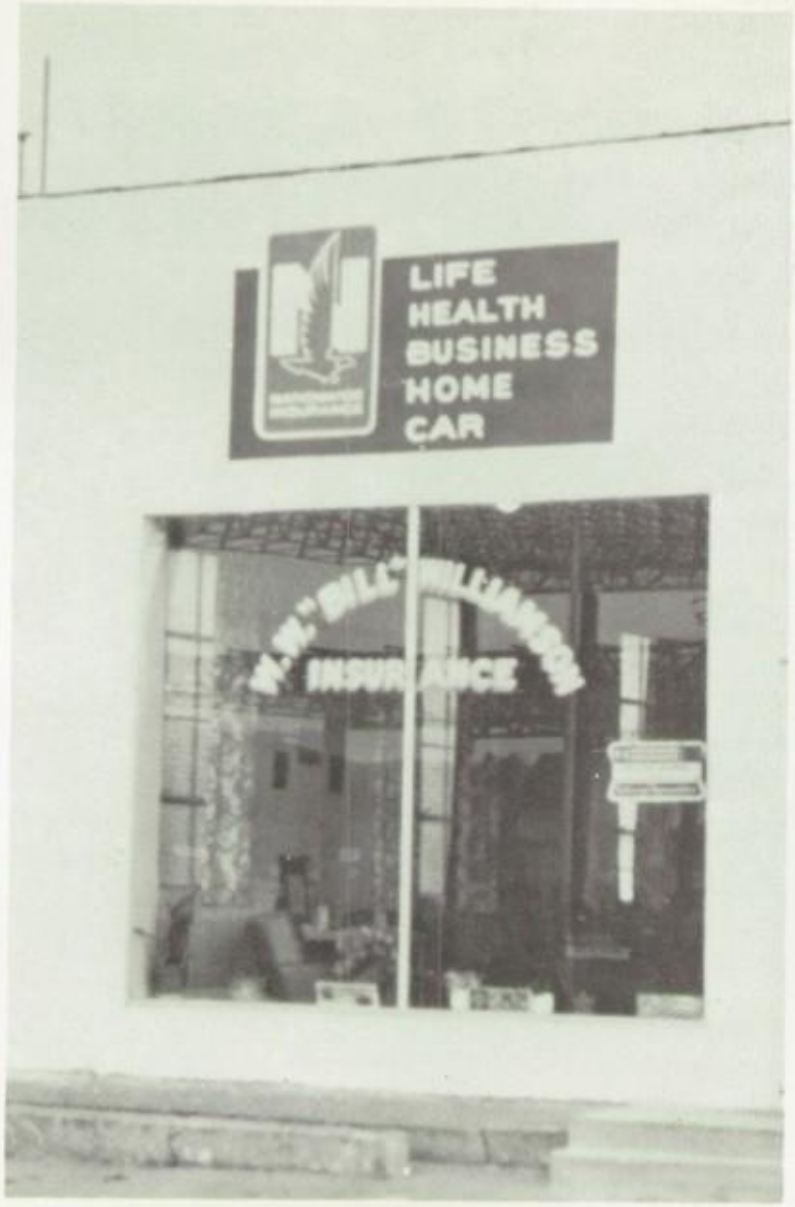

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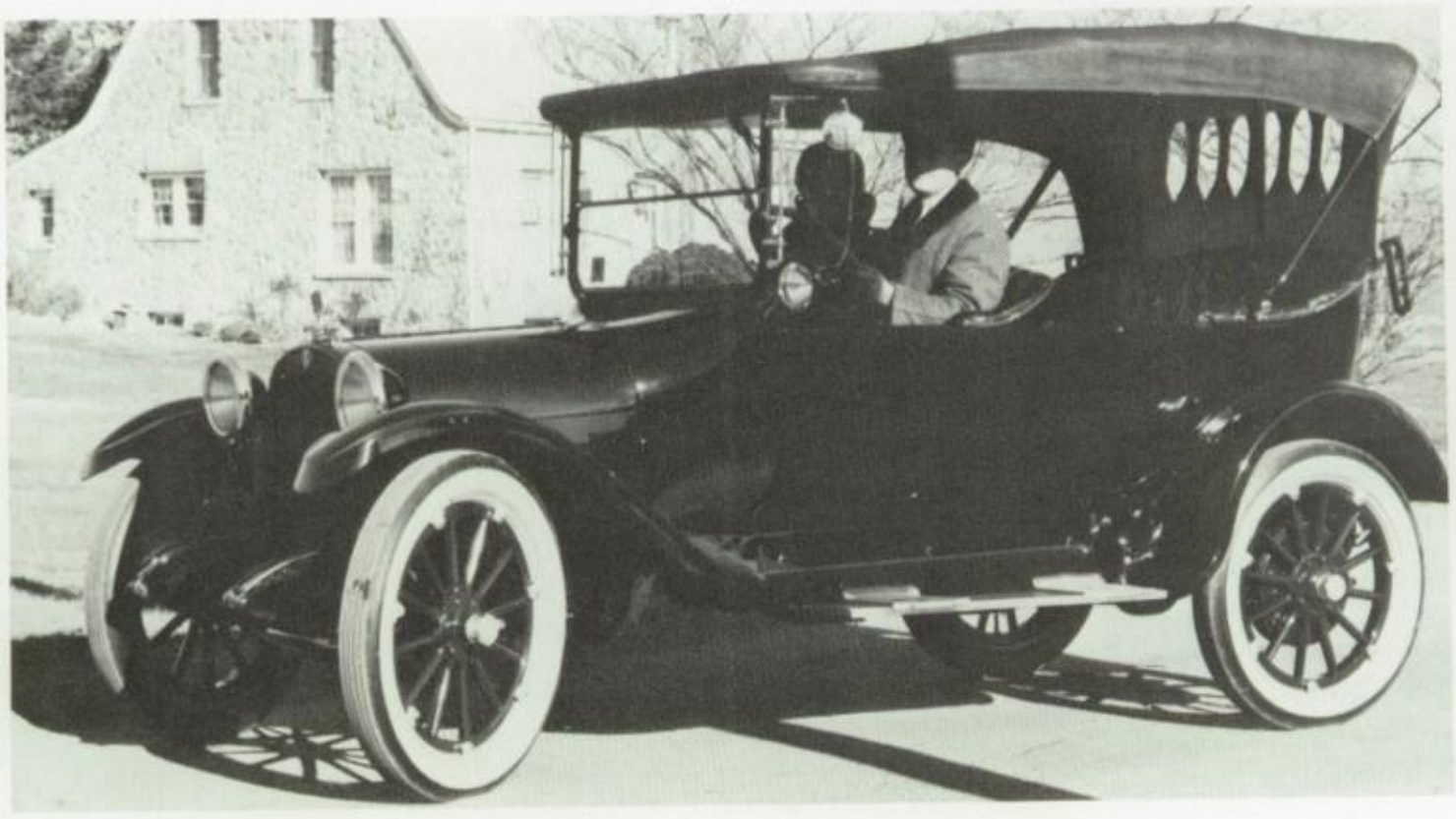

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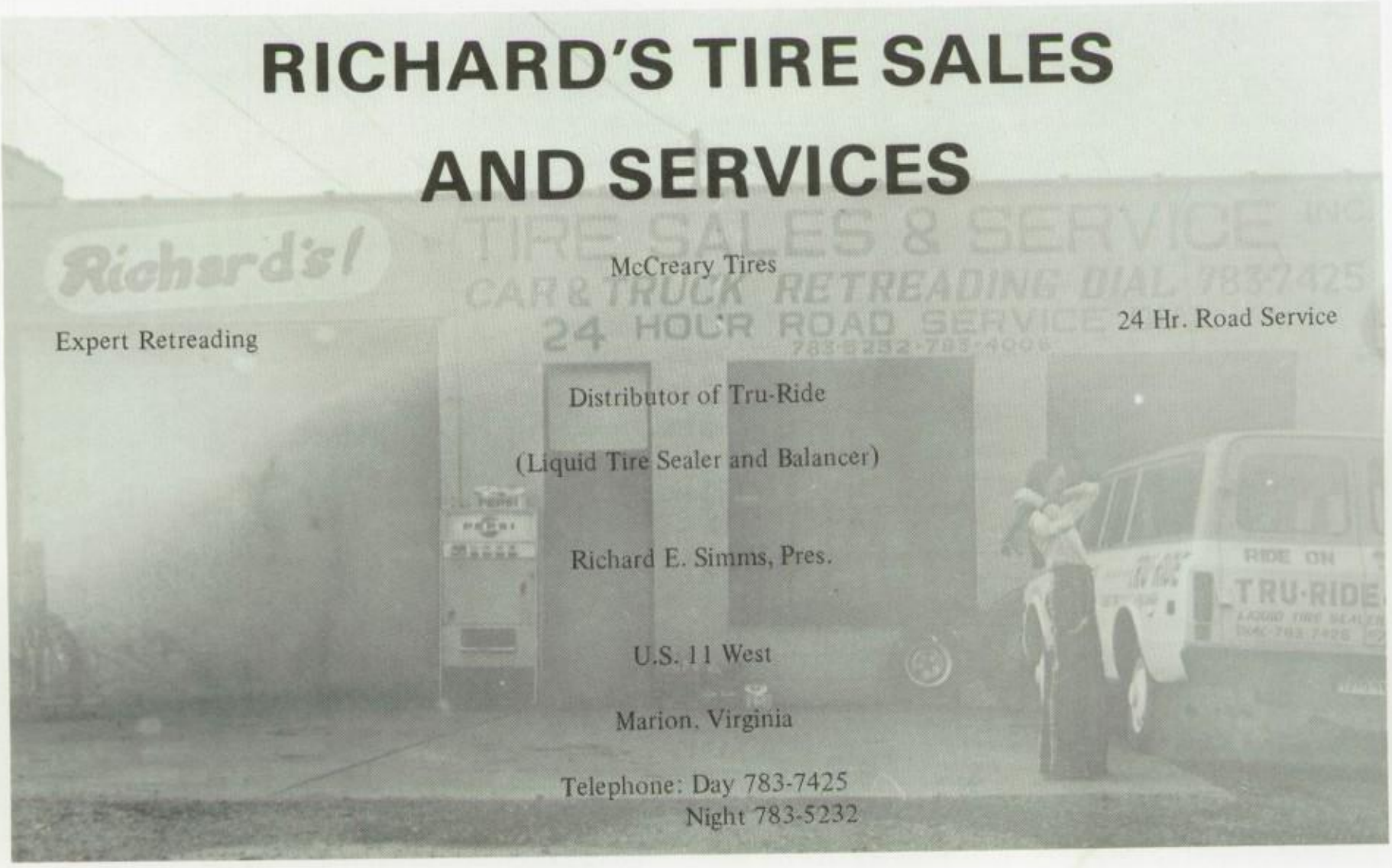

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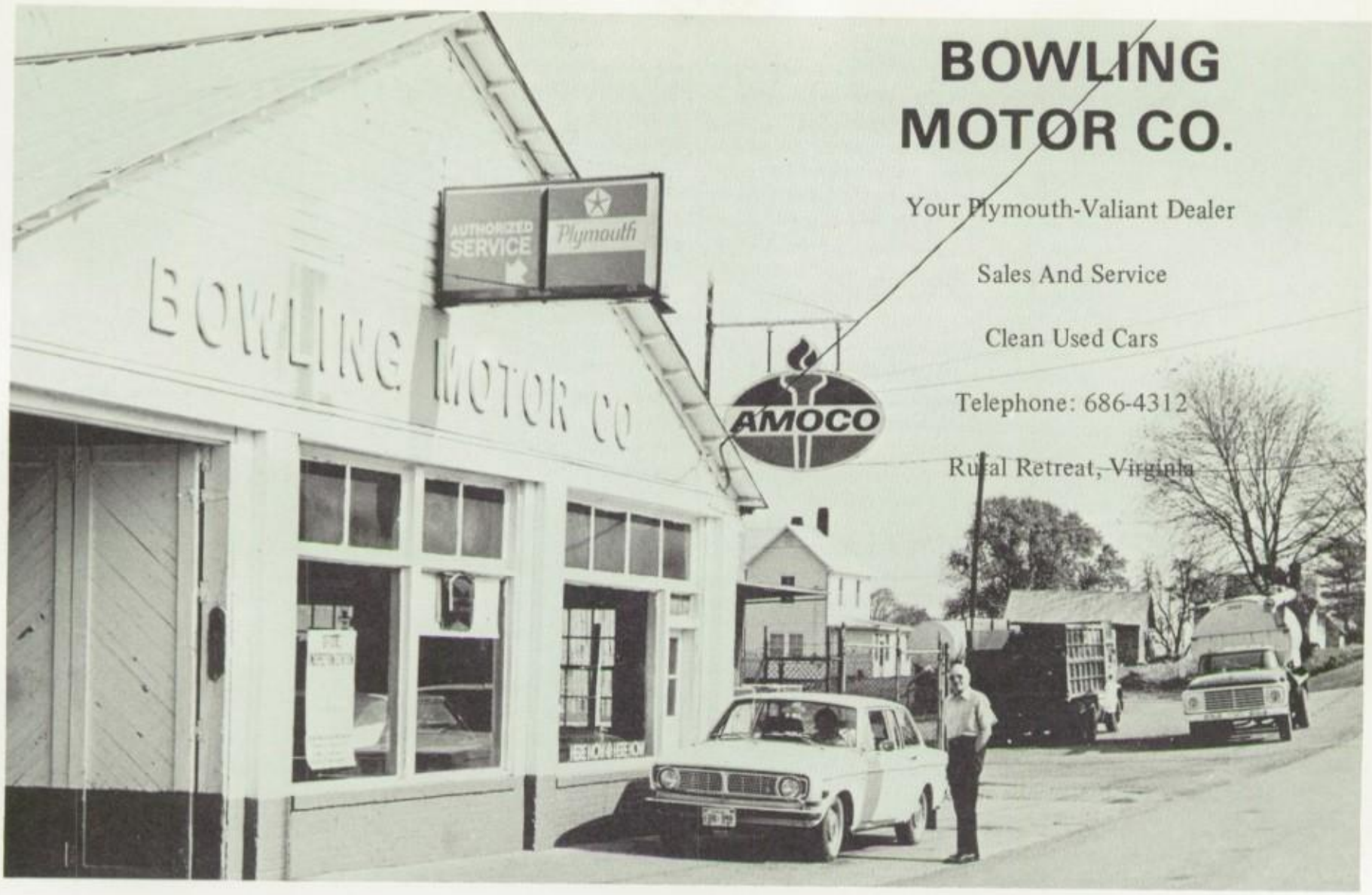

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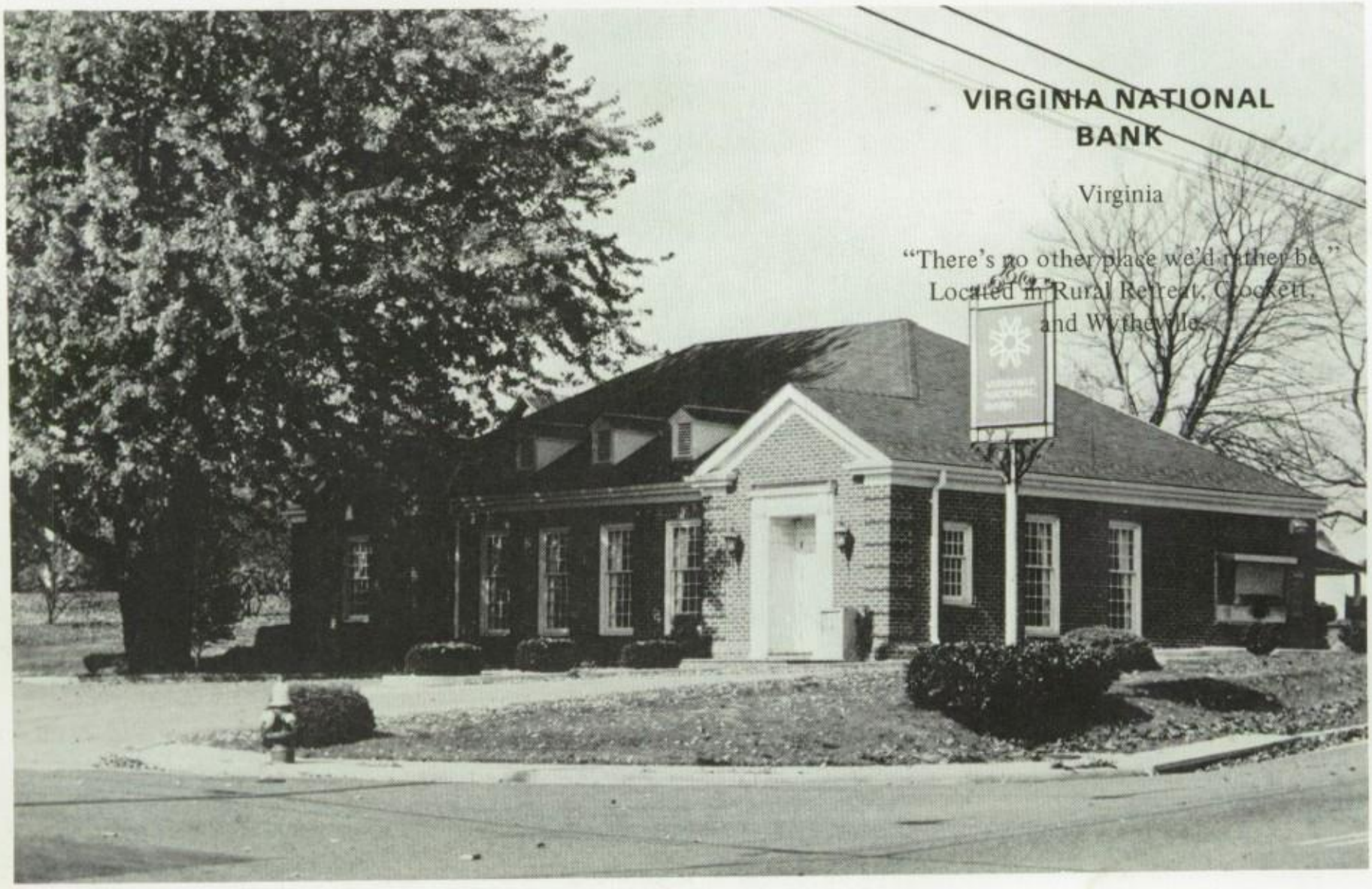

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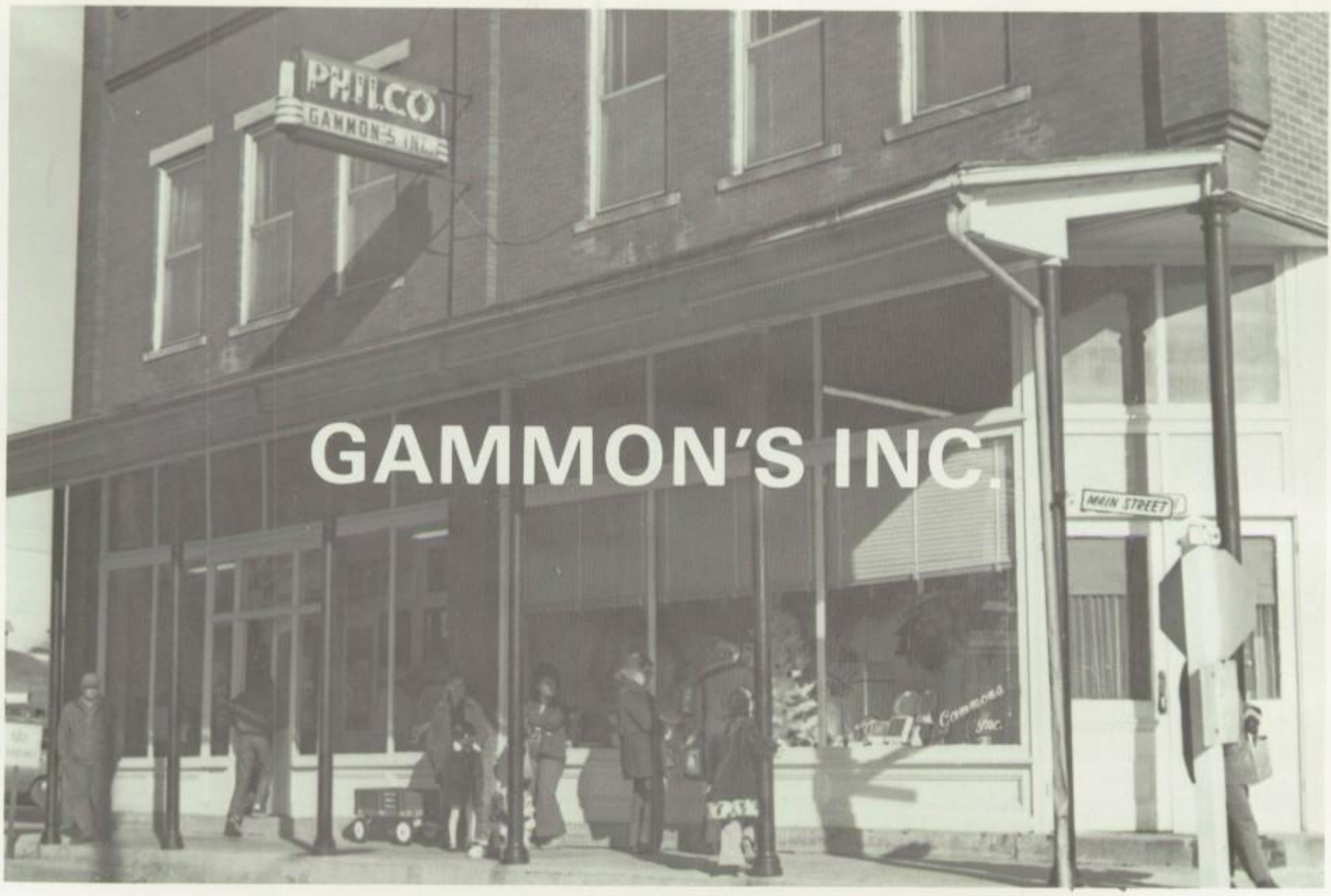

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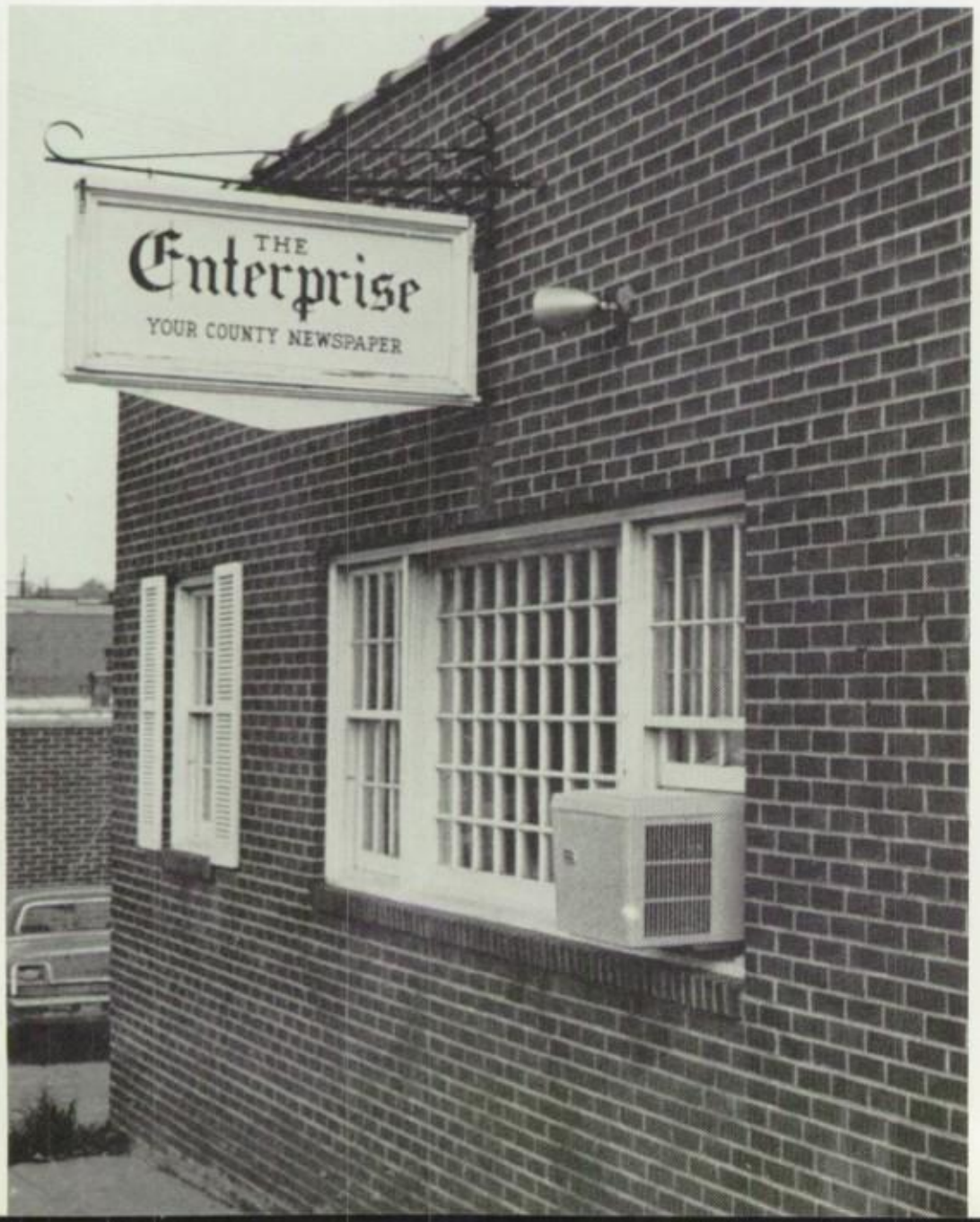

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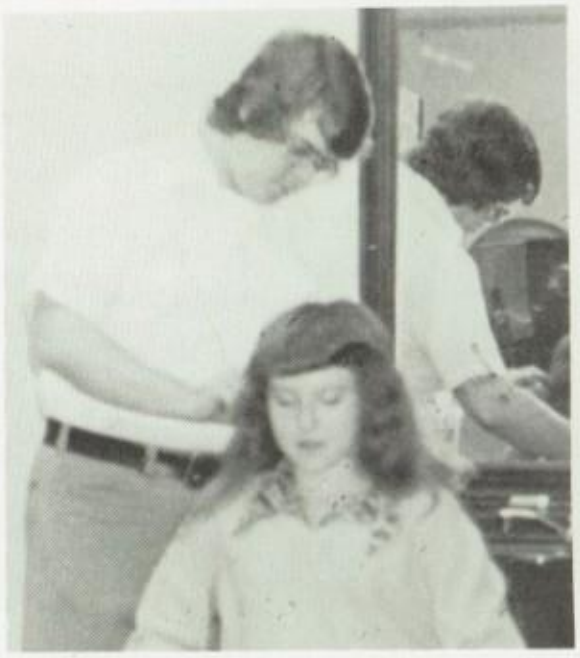

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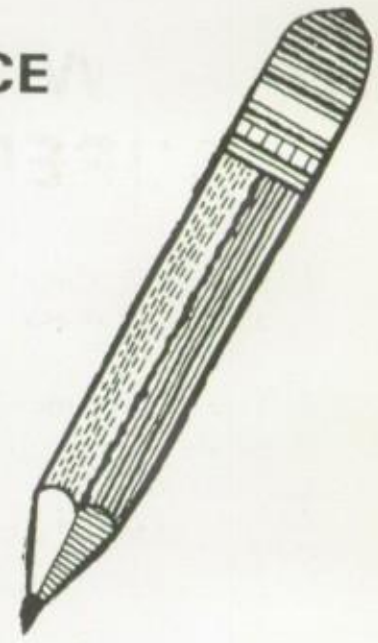

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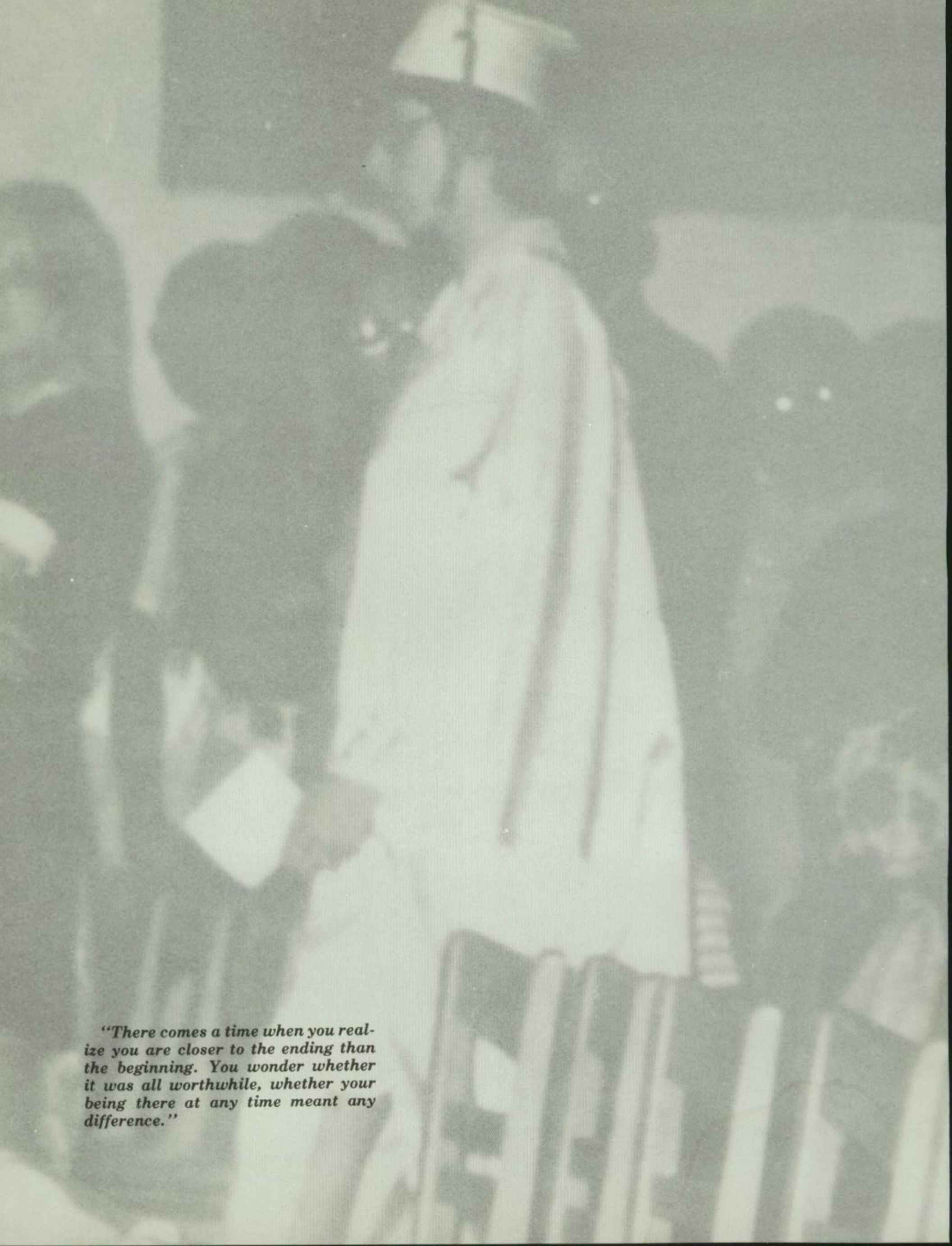

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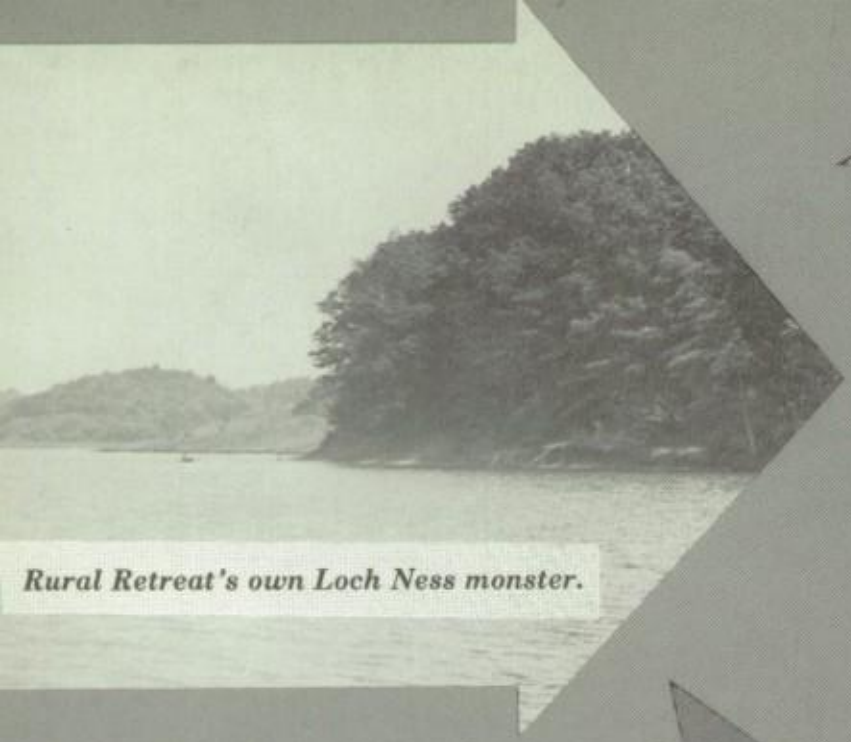
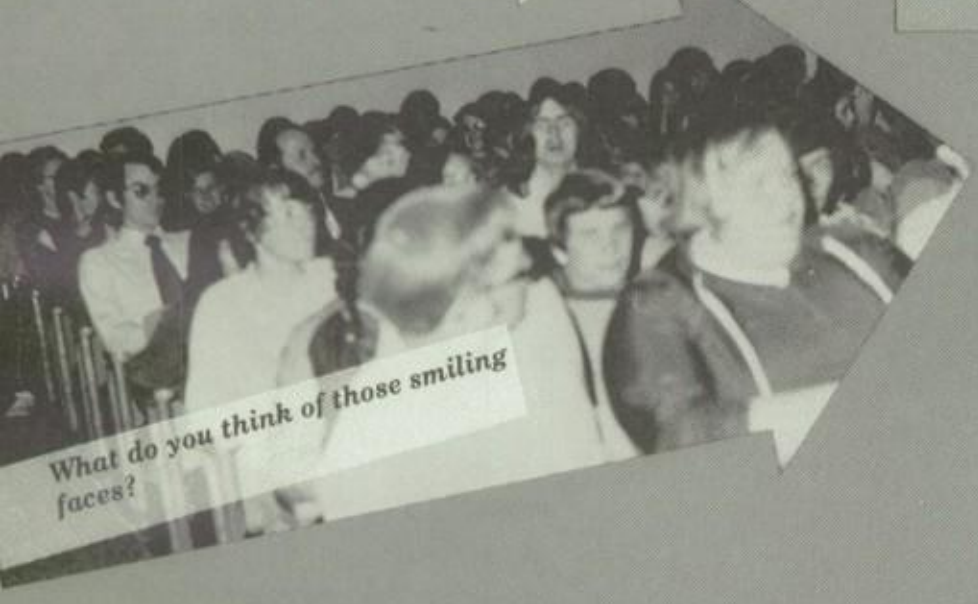
In The Beginning . . .

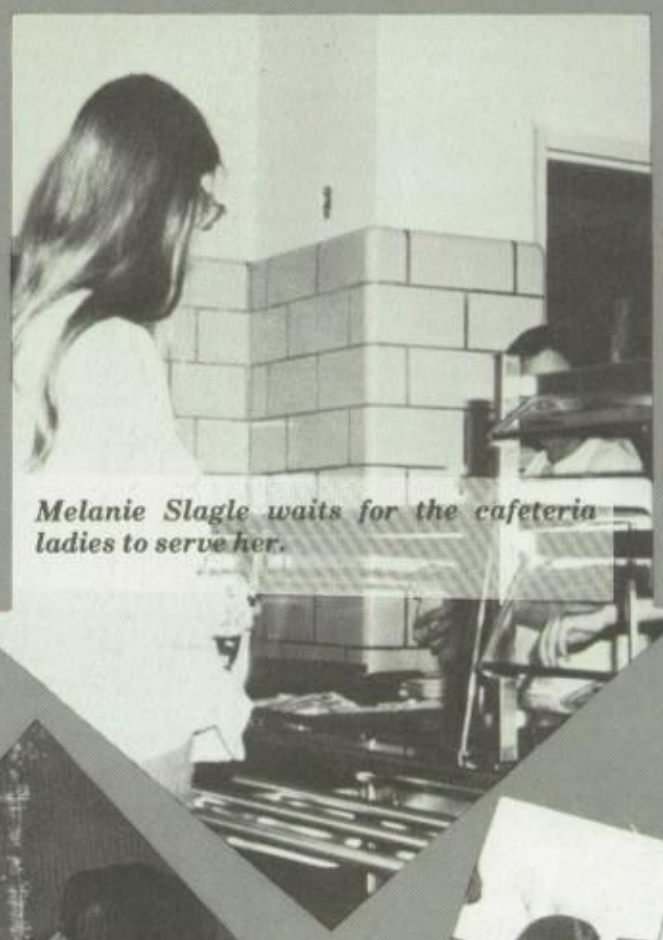
In the beginning there were one hundred and eighty days. Now the end has arrived. Final exams have been taken, books have been turned in, and diplomas have been handed out. Yet, it was only a beginning. Seniors will not return to RRHS in the fall; they will have scattered by then and will be busy creating their place in the world. It will be a new beginning for each of them. The underclassmen and teachers will return to a new school year and create their own beginnings. In the beginning . . .



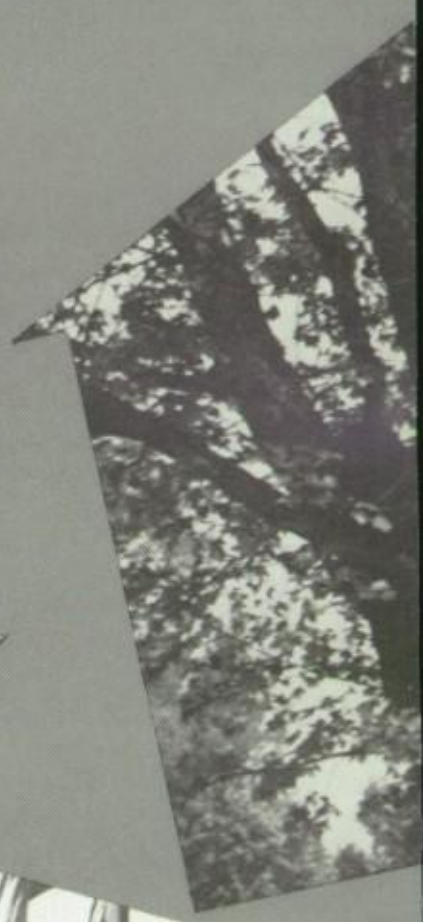
Rural Retreat's own Loch Ness monster.



What do you think of those smiling faces?



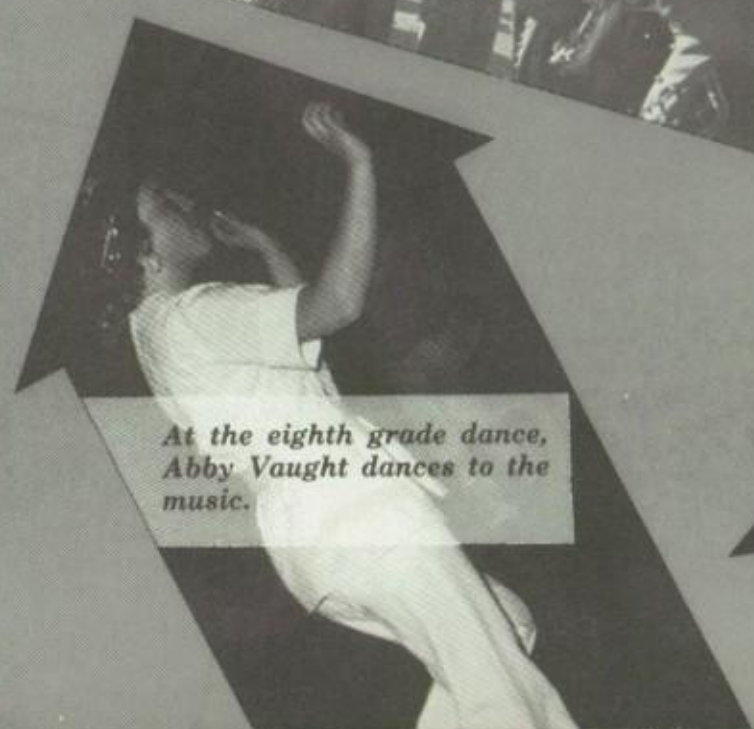
Melanie Slagle waits for the cafeteria ladies to serve her.



During a locker clean-up the hall becomes one big trash can.

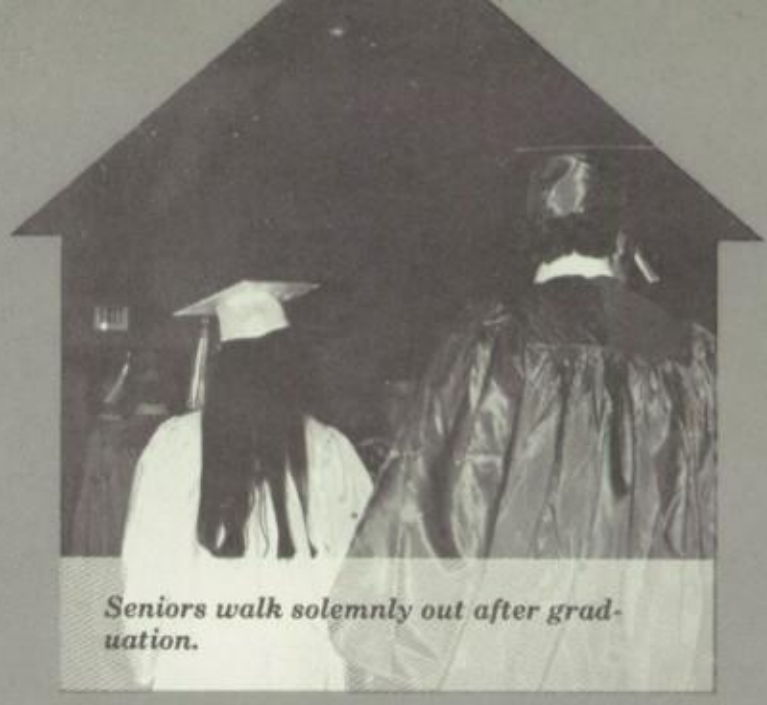
Donna Hawthorne decorates a door for Christmas.

The Rural Retreat Elementary Band prepares to march in the Christmas parade.



At the eighth grade dance, Abby Vaught dances to the music.

At the PTA carnival, elementary students seem interested in a game.



Seniors walk solemnly out after graduation.

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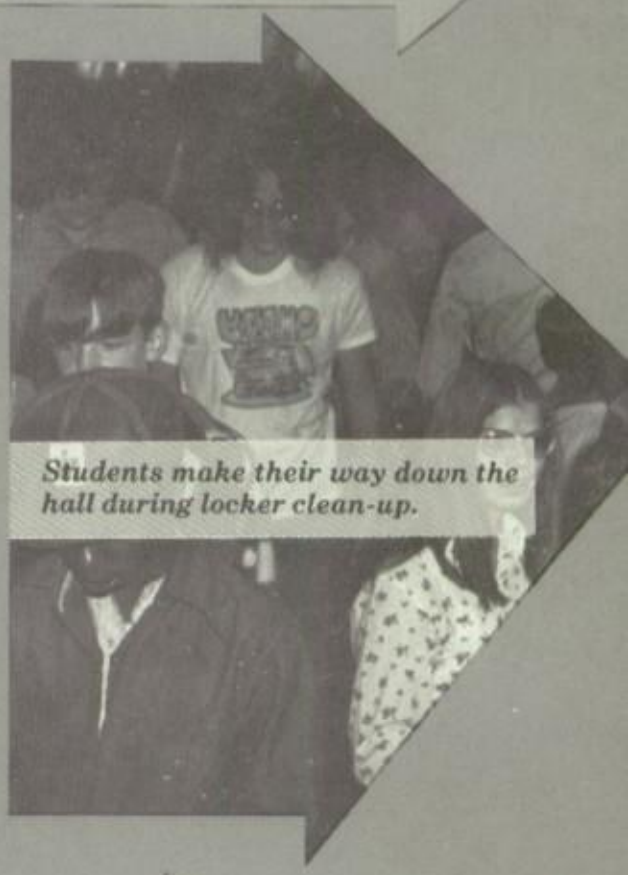
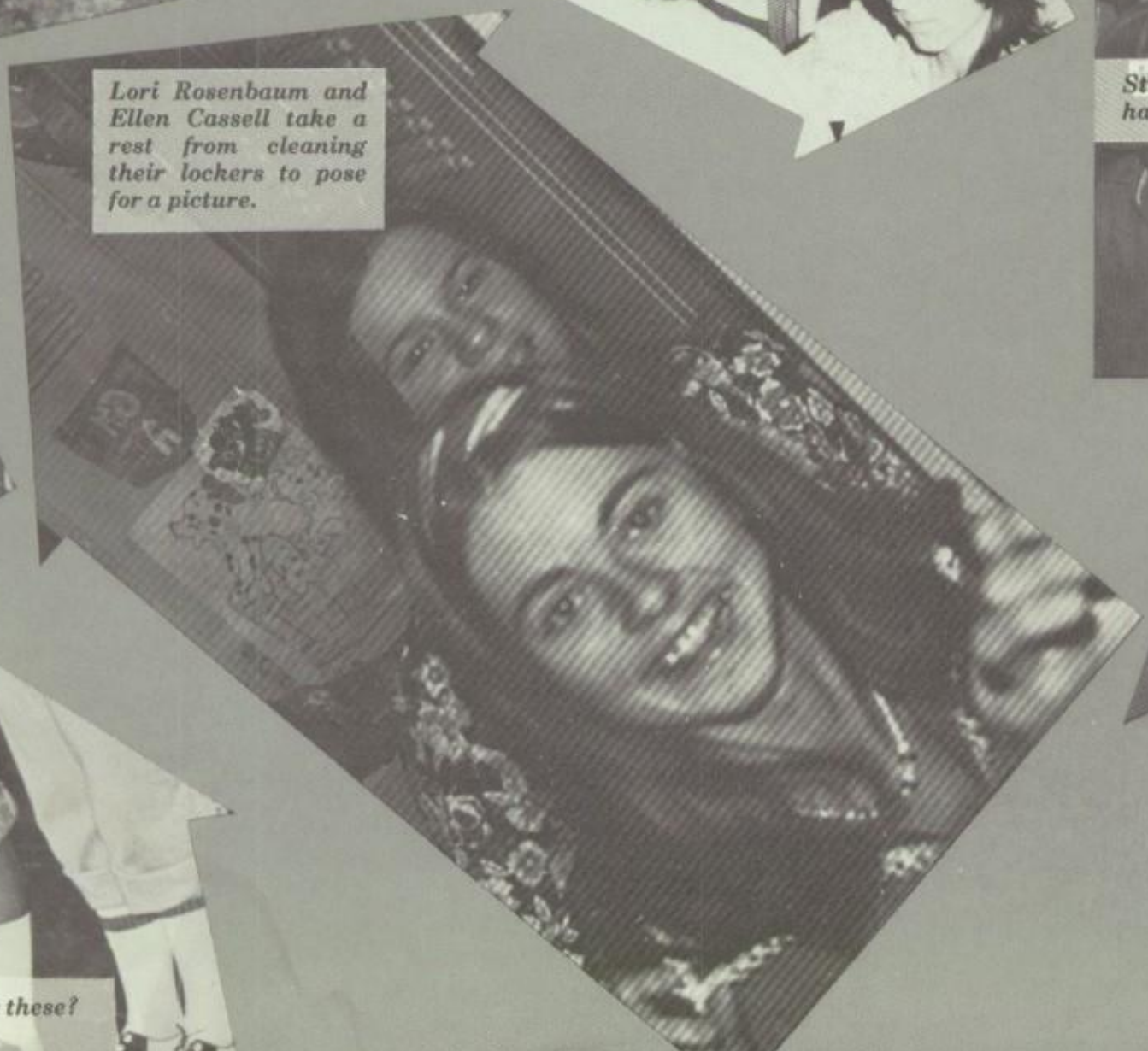
Keep Rural Retreat trees clean.

Buddy Parish looks onward, as Judy Bass and Jeff Long converse, and Dawn Bass and Teddi Kincer seem to be studying.

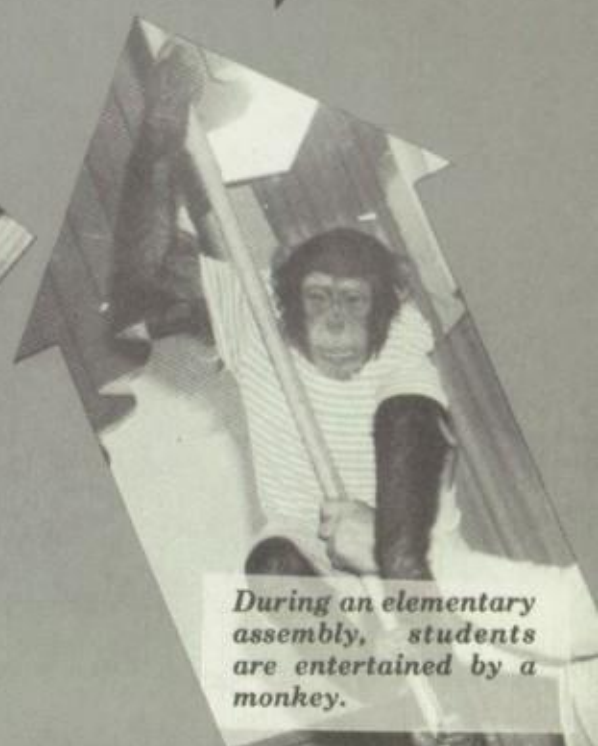


Students make their way down the hall during locker clean-up.

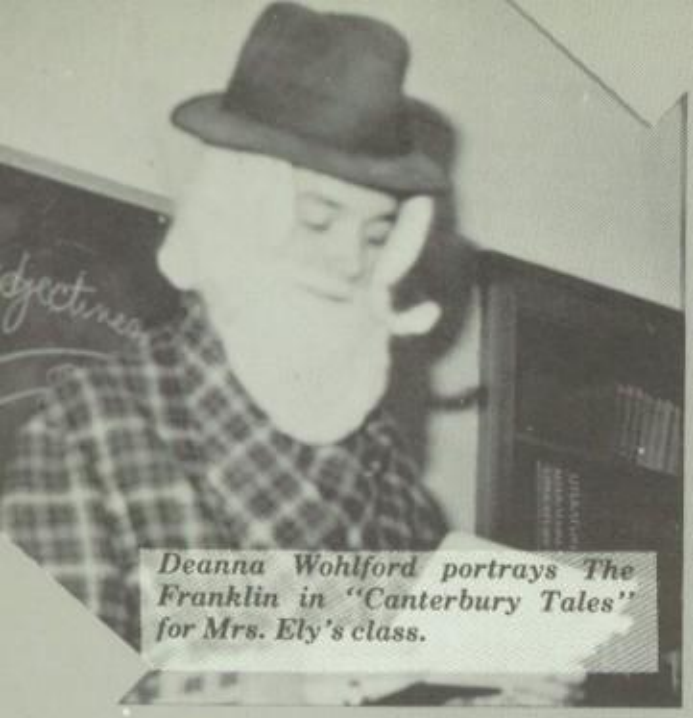


Lori Rosenbaum and Ellen Cassell take a rest from cleaning their lockers to pose for a picture.

Whose legs are these?



During an elementary assembly, students are entertained by a monkey.



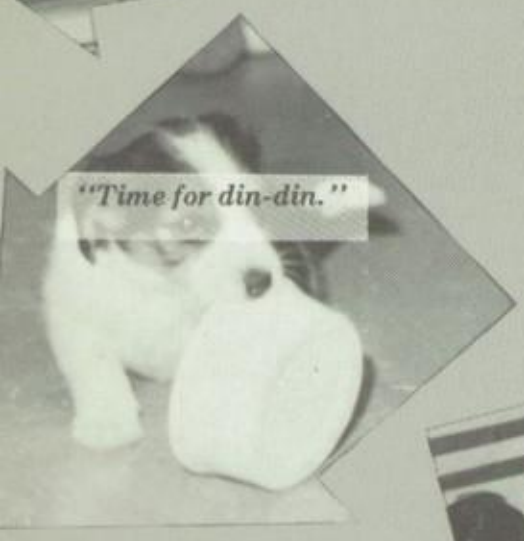
Deanna Wohlford portrays The Franklin in "Canterbury Tales" for Mrs. Ely's class.

Seniors stand together for the last time.

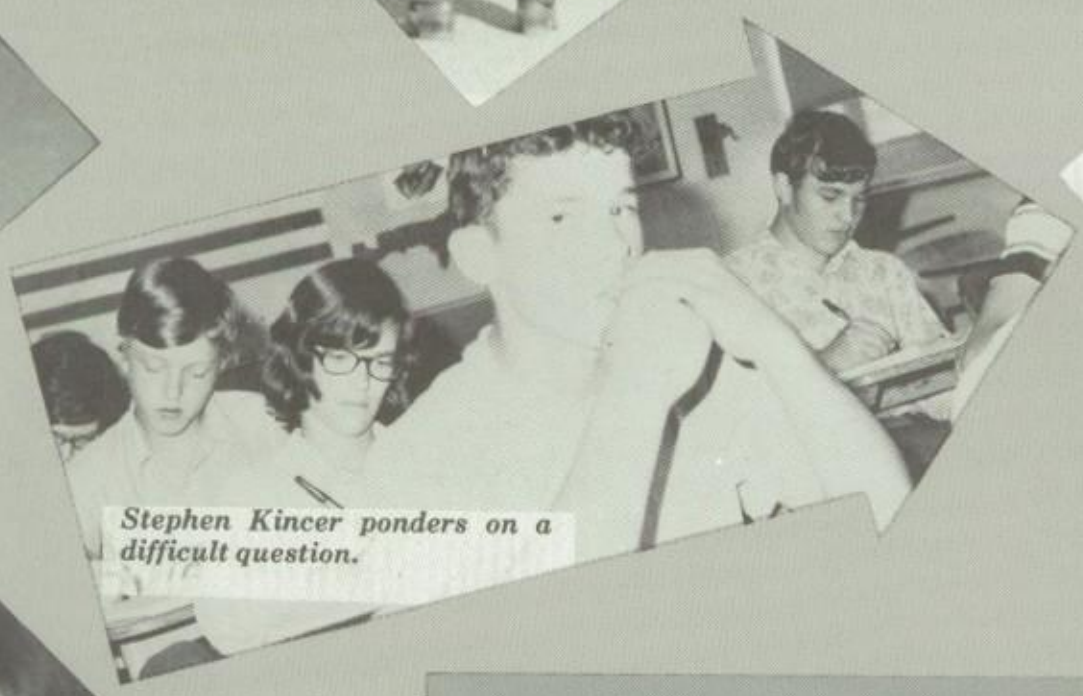
Acting disgusted, Sheri Wood converses with an imaginary friend.

A bus driver cleans the back window of his bus so he can see better.

As twilight fell on the school year 1975-76, there were many tears mingled with shouts of joy. Tears for the days that were gone forever and shouts of joy for the new experiences that lay ahead.



"Time for din-din."



Stephen Kincer ponders on a difficult question.

Mr. Milton anticipates being hit by an oncoming sponge.

Billy Joe Kinder and Teddi Kincer, arm in arm, pose for a picture.

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